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1. Read these instructions.
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3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
6. Clean only with dry cloth.
7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
12. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
13. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
14. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as when the power supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.



PRECAUTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE PROCEEDING

* Please keep this manual in a safe place for future reference.



WARNING

Always follow the basic precautions listed below to avoid the possibility of serious injury or even death from electrical shock, short-circuiting, damage, fire or other hazards or physical injury to you or others, or damage to the device or other property. These precautions include, but are not limited to, the following:

Power supply / Power cord

- Only use the voltage specified as correct for the device. The required voltage is printed on the name plate of the device.
- Use only the specified power cord.
- Do not place the power cord near heat sources such as heaters or radiators, and do not excessively bend or otherwise damage the cord, place heavy objects on it, or place it in a position where anyone could walk on, trip over, or roll anything over it.
- Remove the electric plug from the outlet when the device is not to be used for extended periods of time, or during electrical storms.
- When removing the electric plug from the device or an outlet, always hold the plug itself and not the cord. Pulling by the cord can damage it.

Do not open

- Do not open the device or attempt to disassemble the internal parts or modify them in any way. The device contains no user-serviceable parts. If it appears to be malfunctioning, discontinue use immediately and have it inspected by qualified **Medialon** service personnel.

Water warning

- Do not expose the device to rain, use it near water or in damp or wet conditions, or place containers on it containing liquids which might spill into any openings.
- Never insert or remove an electric plug with wet hands.

Location

- Do not expose the device to excessive dust or vibrations, or extreme cold or heat (such as direct sunlight, near a heater, or in a car during the day) to prevent the possibility of panel disfiguration or damage to the internal components.
- Do not place the device in an unstable position where it might accidentally fall over.
- Do not block the vents. This device has ventilation holes on the rear and sides to prevent the internal temperature from rising too high. In particular, do not place the device on its side or upside down, or place it in any poorly ventilated location, such as a bookcase or closet.

Connections

- Before connecting the device to other devices, turn off the power for all devices.
- Be sure to connect to a properly grounded power source.

If you notice any abnormality

- If the power cord or plug becomes frayed or damaged, or if there is a sudden loss of function during use of the device, or if any unusual smells or smoke should appear to be caused by it, immediately turn off the power switch, disconnect the electric plug from the outlet, and have the device inspected by qualified **Medialon** service personnel.
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The equipment in need of service should be shipped (with RMA) to the address on the RMA form, freight pre-paid. Any returned items deemed faulty due to manufacturer defect will be repaired or replaced and shipped back to the customer at no charge to the customer.

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INTRODUCTION

In this section you will discover the main architecture of Medialon Audio Server, what its main elements are and how they interact with each other.

This section also helps those who are new to Medialon Audio Server to understand its core engine and ease their understanding of the following chapters.

Introduction

The **Medialon Audio Server** (MAS PRO) is a Professional audio server for both multi-track application as well as multi zoning.

The **Medialon Audio Server** allows playback of multiple audio channels. It is not a regular multi-track playback unit which plays all files at the same time but a real independent channels server where each file can be started when needed. Each of its 32 CobraNet channels can be synchronized together or by groups. Its high quality CobraNet interface provides state-of-the-art audio quality.

Thanks to the **Medialon Audio Server** local interface, each channel can be started independently and at any time.

With Medialon Audio Client PRO external control feature, each channel can be started independently or by group.

Thanks to **Medialon Audio Server** position tracking capability, programming video and light effects synchronized to audio is very easy with Medialon Manager Show Control software.

Several **Medialon Audio Servers** can be linked over IP and synchronized together.

Overview of Medialon Audio Server

The **Medialon Audio Server** is a system which can playback up to 32 mono audio channels. Channels may be played either independently or synchronized by groups.

Main Features

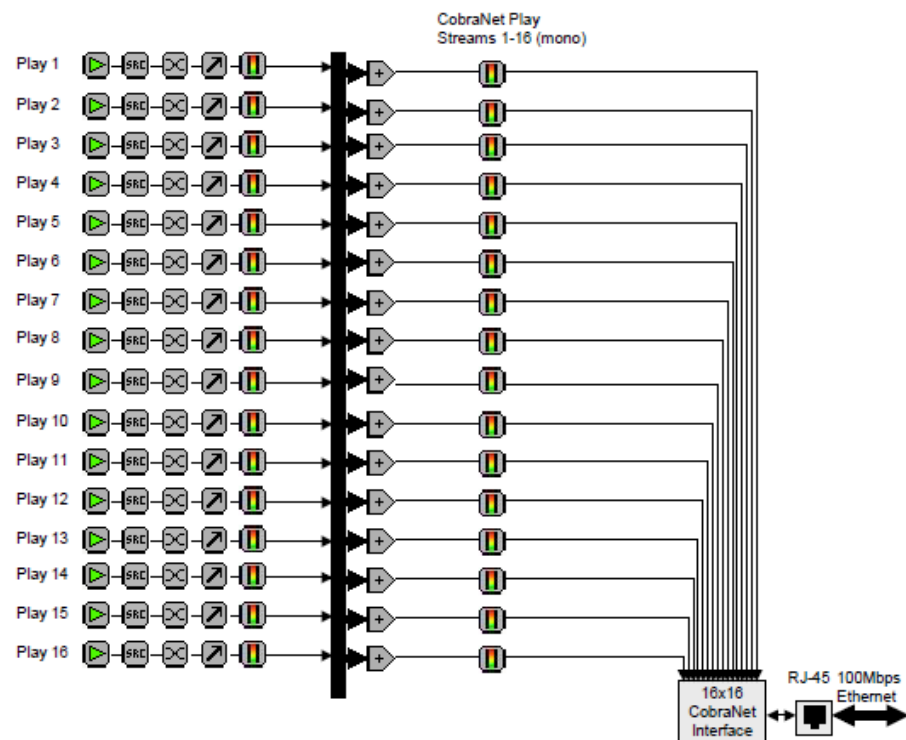
Hardware/Software Platform

The Medialon Audio Server PRO is a pre-configured hardware and software package running Windows Embedded.



CobraNet Configurations

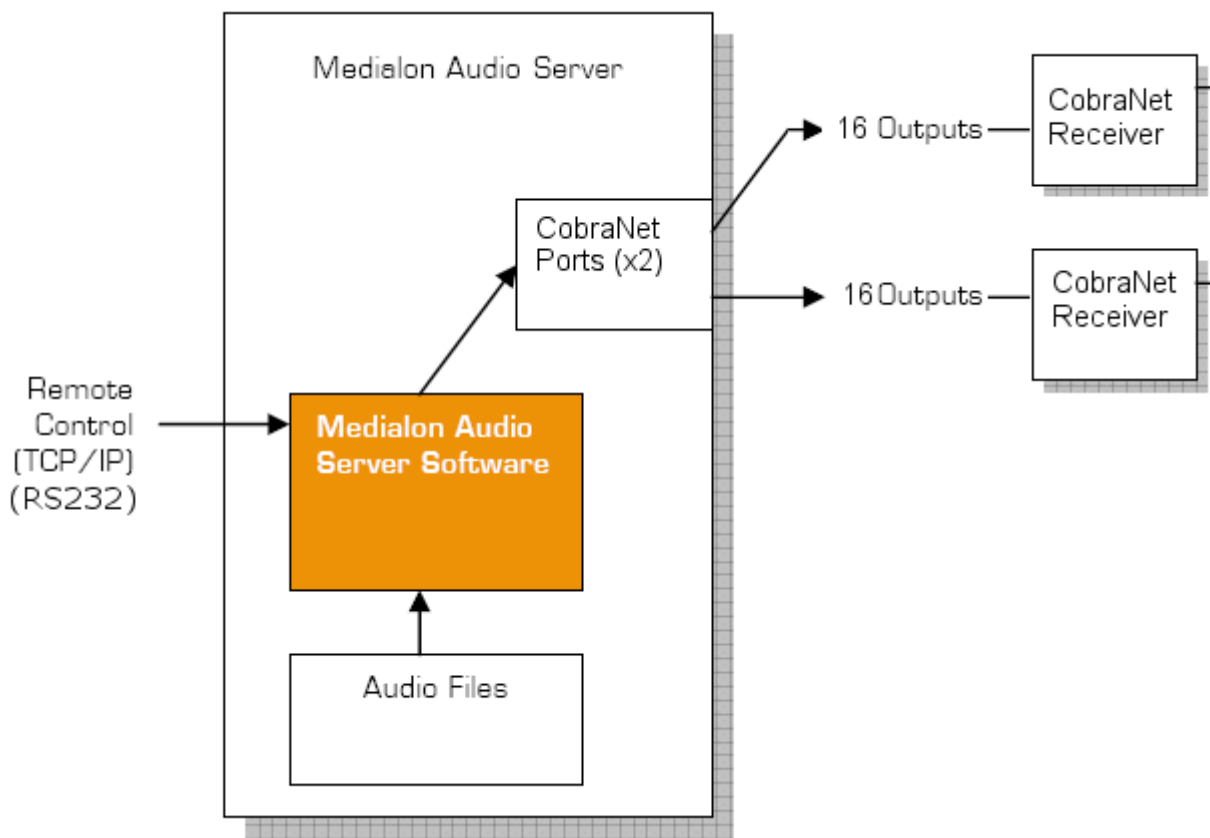
The Medialon Audio Server is equipped of 2 CobraNet ports. Each port provides 16 audio outputs.



Each Medialon Audio Server PRO player can be routed to 1 or several outputs, started or stopped independently from other players. Players may also be grouped in order to be controlled in sync.

Architecture

The following diagram shows Medialon Audio Server architecture.



Audio File Formats

The Medialon Audio Server supports Wave in either Stereo, Mono or Multitrack 16 or 24 bit format. [See more about "Audio File Format" on page 64.](#)

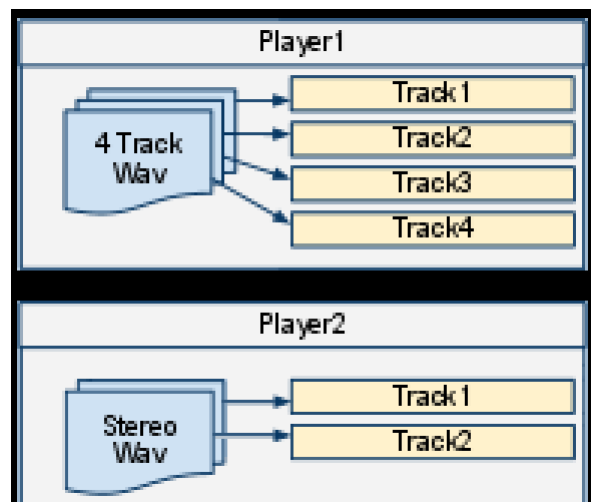


Important, Medialon Audio Server PRO ONLY supports 48kHz as sample rate.

Audio Players

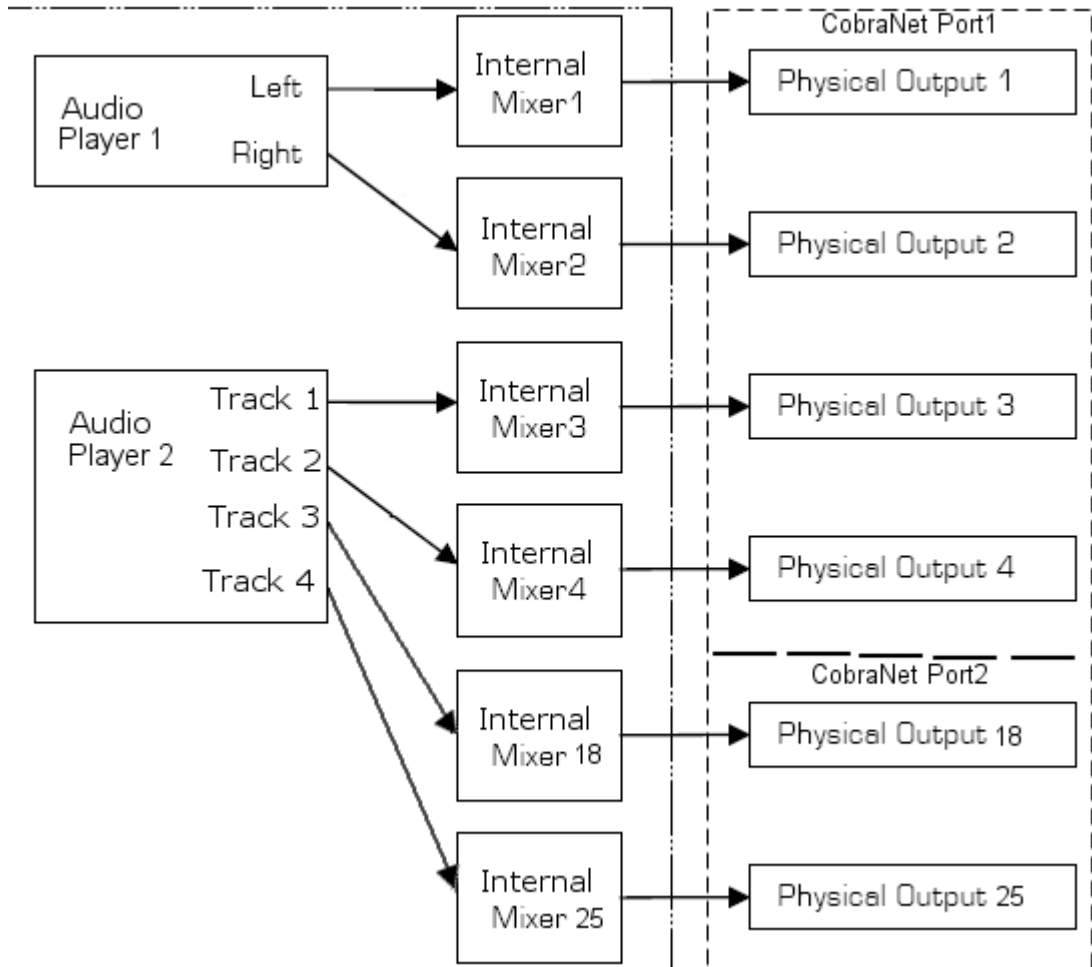
The Medialon Audio Server can be configured in order to allow the concurrent use of mono and stereo and multi tracks media files. Medialon Audio Server uses audio players to perform these files.

An audio player is defined by one or several audio tracks. The number of tracks correspond to the type of file played mono (1 track), stereo (2 tracks Left and Right) and multi tracks where the amount of tracks depends of the file.

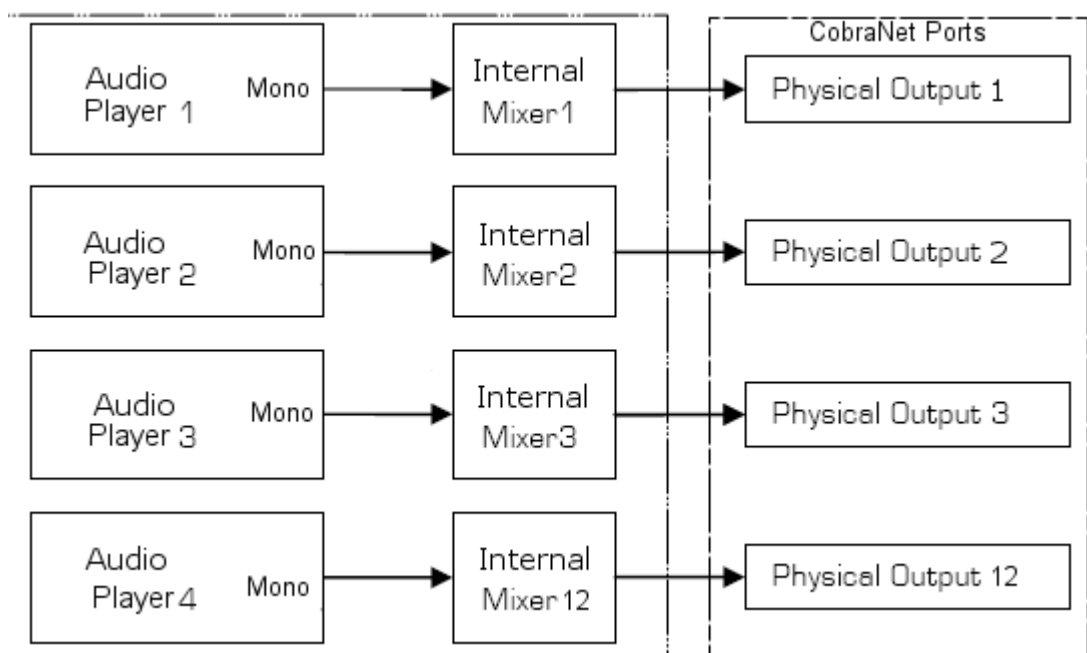


Audio Output Mapping

From the user stand point, the Medialon Audio Server manages a set of logical audio players. This is done by the following logical track and physical output mapping for each players.

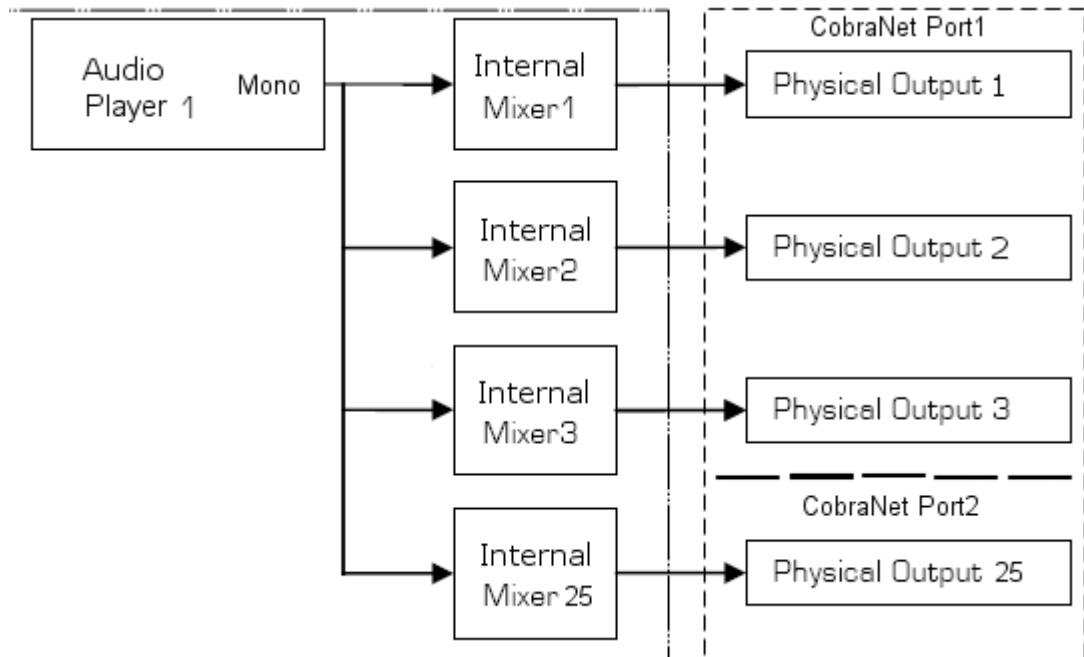


Below is a configuration where all of the audio players are set to mono.

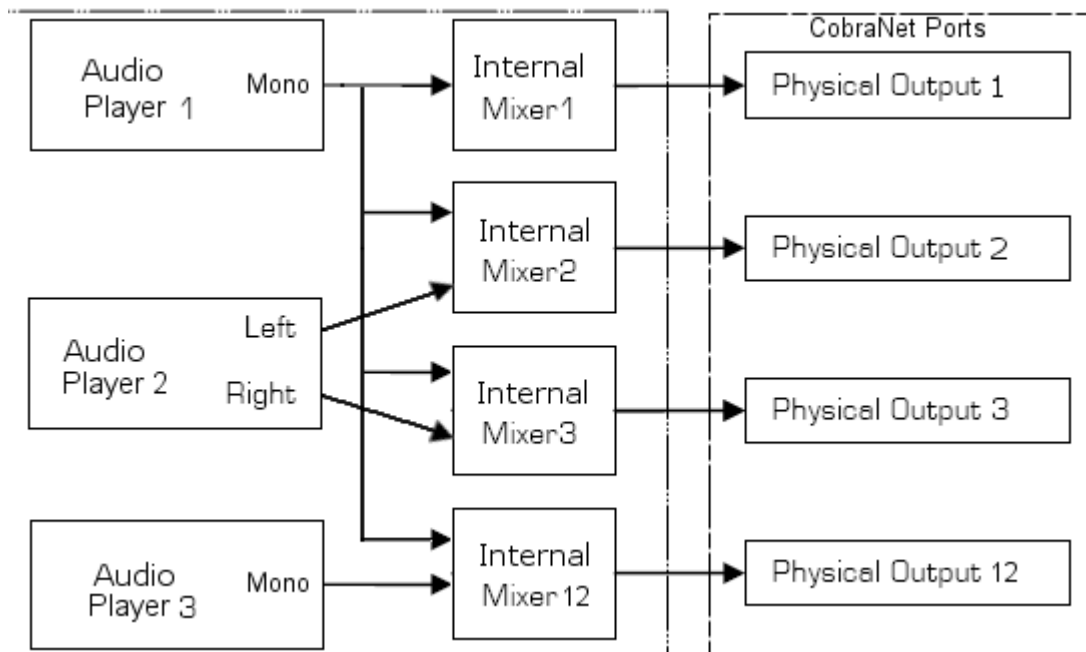


An audio player track can be mapped to several physical outputs. see below a

mono player mapped to 4 outputs.

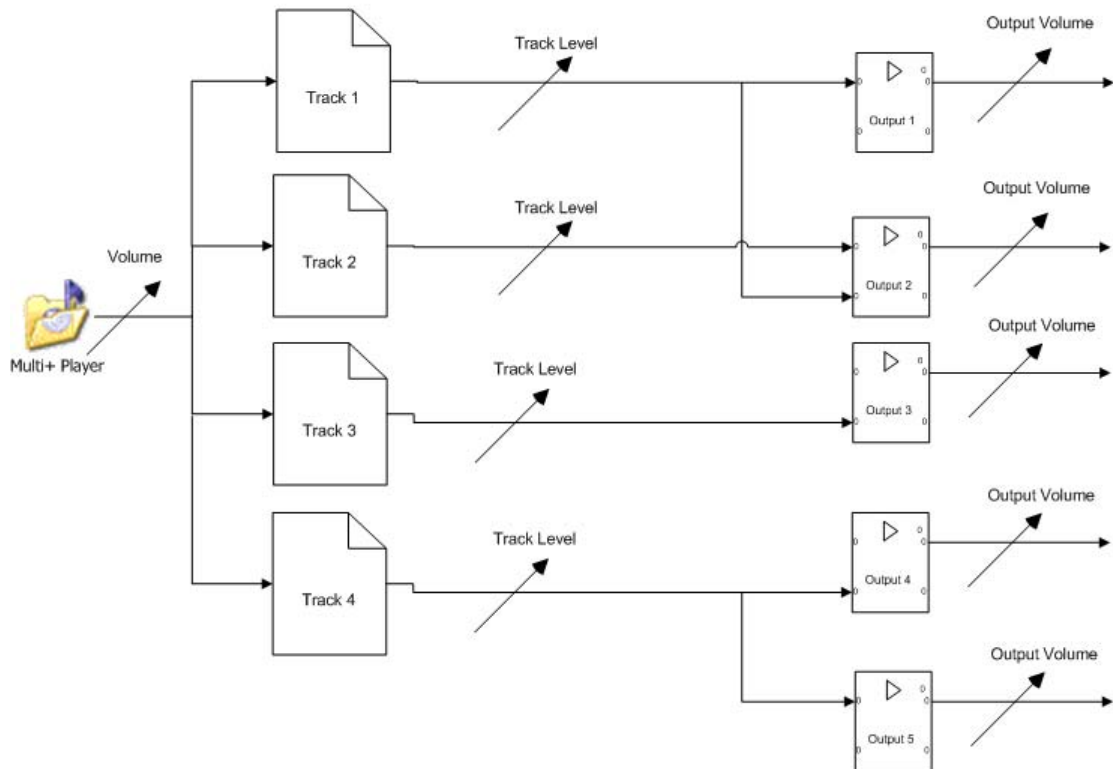


Internal mixer and mapping allows sharing the same physical output with several audio player tracks.



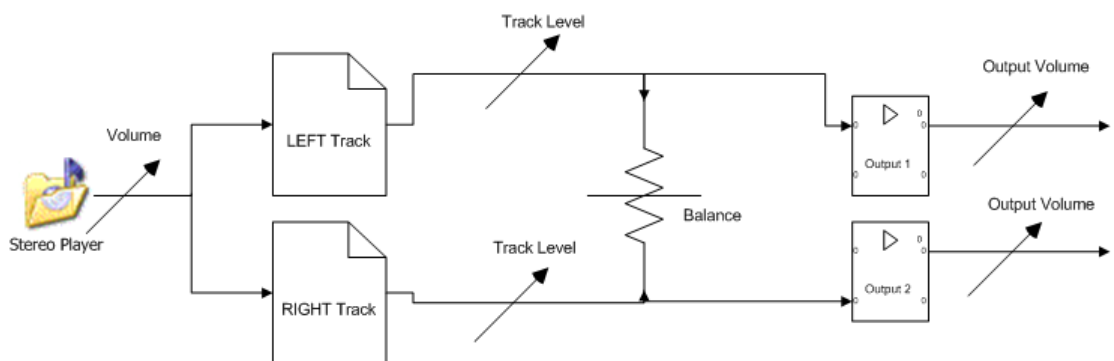
Audio Diagram

Different audio levels can be adjusted in Medialon Audio Server PRO.



- Player Volume adjusts the audio level of all tracks, it is the master audio level.
- Track Level allows adjusting the audio level of each track independently.
- Output Volume is used to adapt the MAS PRO audio output to the next audio device input.

Stereo players have a specific fader to manage the audio balance left and right.



Remote Control

Although it can be run as a stand alone system, the Medialon Audio Server main purpose is to be controlled from a Medialon Control System through a TCP/IP Network. [See more about "Medialon Control System" on page 53.](#)

A remote client software which replicates the local server user interface is also provided.

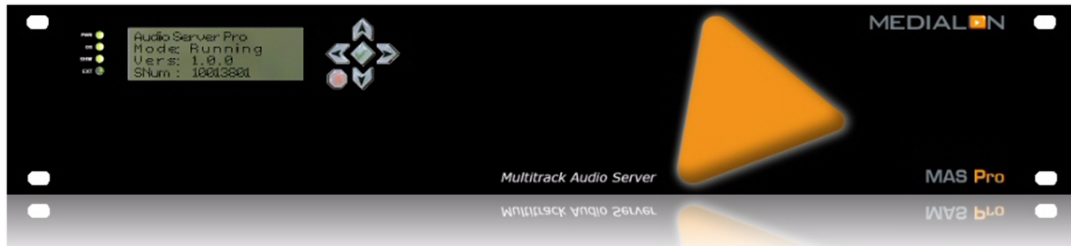
Medialon Audio Server can also be controlled through serial connection.

INSTALLATION

In this section you will learn how to correctly connect and start your Medialon Audio Server .

Get Started

The Medialon Audio Server PRO is shipped pre-configured and requires only a few steps to make it ready for exploitation.



Contents of the Package

Medialon Audio Server Pro.

Connecting Medialon Audio Server PRO

Few connections are required to start your Medialon Audio Server PRO.

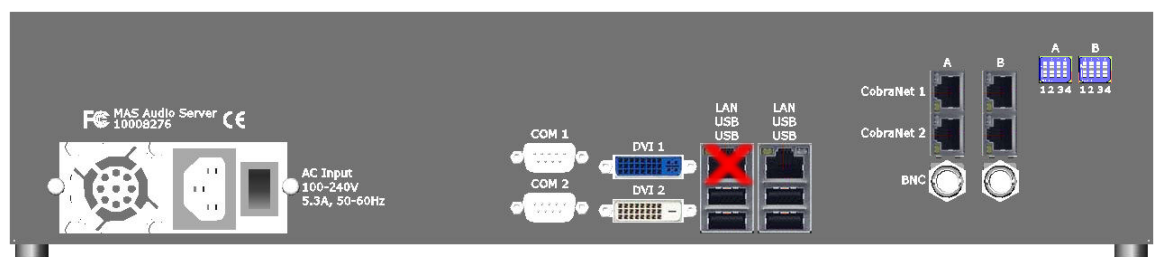
Keyboard, mouse and monitor are needed for the first start and setup. If you plan to control remotely your Medialon Audio Server, they can be removed after the settings operations.

Primary CobraNet A and B need to be connected to CobraNet network in order to use the 32 outputs of your MAS PRO.

Use LAN 2 for Ethernet connection and remote control of your Medialon Audio Server.

Rear Panel

The figure below shows the rear panel of Medialon Audio Server PRO.

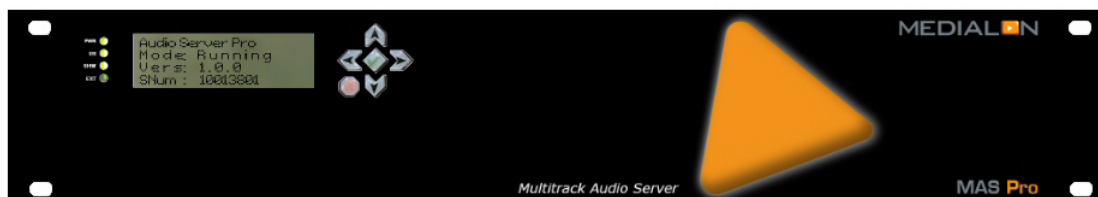


- [COM1] / [COM2]: serial port used for external control, See ["Serial External Control"](#) on page 55.
- [DVI 1]: DVI-I (Blue) monitor output, or transfer to VGA output by DVI-VGA adapter.
- [DVI 2]: DVI-D monitor connector.
- [LAN 1]: Ethernet connector not in use.
- [LAN 2]: Ethernet connector for external control or FTP.
- [USB 1-4]: USB ports available for mouse and keyboard, also used for MAS PRO updates.


- [CobraNet A]: primary and secondary CobraNet port A.
- [CobraNet B]: primary and secondary CobraNet port B.
- [BNC]: BNC Word Clock I/O.
- [DIP A] / [DIP B]: Clock source configuration, [See more about "Clock Source Configuration" on page 70.](#)

First Start

We recommend to connect Mouse, Keyboard and Monitor for the first use of the Medialon Audio Server. If you plan to control the Medialon Audio Server PRO via a remote, Keyboard, Mouse and Display are not necessary after the first boot.



Starting Procedure

Connect the power supply and press and hold the front  key to start MAS PRO.

The front panel LCD will display the start up message.



Front Panel Controls

The figure below shows the front panel of Medialon Audio Server PRO.

- [LED]: Four LEDs indicate MAS PRO status.
- [LCD]: Status messages display on the 4 line LCD.
- [KP]: Six-button Function Keypad.

Use the keypad to scroll through MAS PRO's status information.




Keypad Functions

Ok key 

- Hold this key for more than 1 second to power on Medialon Audio Server.

- Hold this key for more than 4 seconds while the MAS PRO is powered on to reset Medialon Audio Server PRO.

Cancel key 

- Hold this key for more than 4 seconds to power off (soft power) Medialon Audio Server.

Up arrow 

- Scrolls display up.
- Holding this key for more than 1 second scrolls the display to the home position when the button is released.

Down arrow 

- Scrolls display down.

Left arrow 

- Not in use.

Right arrow 

- Not in use.

LCD Display Messages

Each time an arrow button is pressed, the next line of information is displayed.

1. [Name] MAS PRO's user-defined Name.
2. [Mode] MAS PRO's current mode:
 - *Starting Up*: Medialon Audio Server PRO is starting up (from power-on until Medialon Audio Server PRO is ready)
 - *Running*: MAS PRO is running .
 - *Shutdown*: MAS PRO is shutting down.
 - *Reboot*: MAS PRO is rebooting.
3. [Vers] MAS PRO's current firmware version.
4. [SerN] Serial Number.
5. [Addr] Current IP address.
6. [Mask] Subnet mask.
7. [Gway] IP Gateway addresss.
8. [MacA] MAC address.

LED Status Messages

Two LEDs give a quick overview of the main status of Medialon Audio Server PRO.



PWR: Power LED

This LED lights green when power is present, regardless of whether MAS PRO is powered on.

OS: Medialon Audio Server PRO LED

This LED indicates the current status of Medialon Audio Server PRO.

- Green: Medialon Audio Server PRO is ready.
- Yellow: Medialon Audio Server PRO is starting up.
- Red: Error, MAS PRO has an internal system failure.
- Off: MAS PRO is not running.

CobraNet Settings

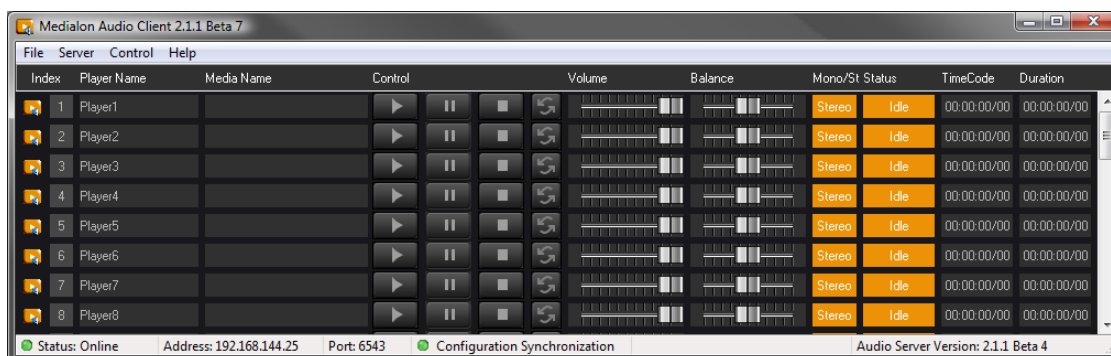
The 2 CobraNet ports are pre-configured. Each port provides 2 transmitter bundles addressed 1000 to 1003. [See more about "Medialon Audio Server PRO and CobraNet Configuration" on page 68.](#)

Network Settings

Medialon Audio Server PRO is configured to use DHCP to get its IP address. If your network installation has no DHCP server or requires static IP address, this address can be modified via the configuration menu. [See "Network Settings", page 37.](#)

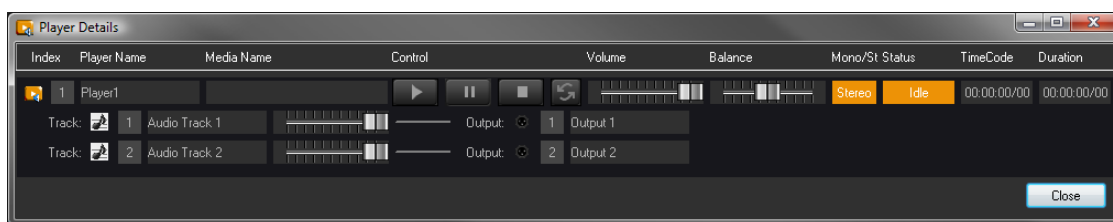
MAS PRO Startup Configuration

Medialon Audio Server PRO is delivered with a default audio configuration. [See more about "Audio Configuration" on page 38.](#)



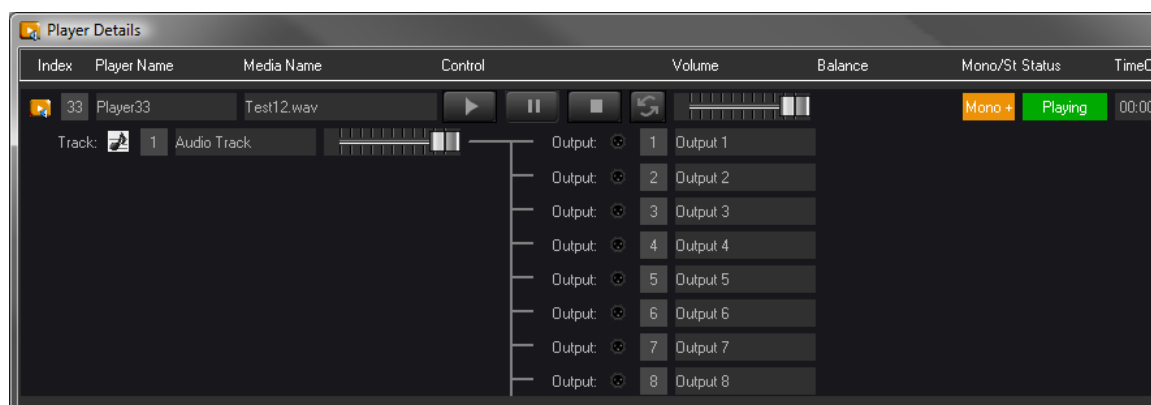
Players Configuration

At first start, 16 stereo players are available plus one mono+ player.

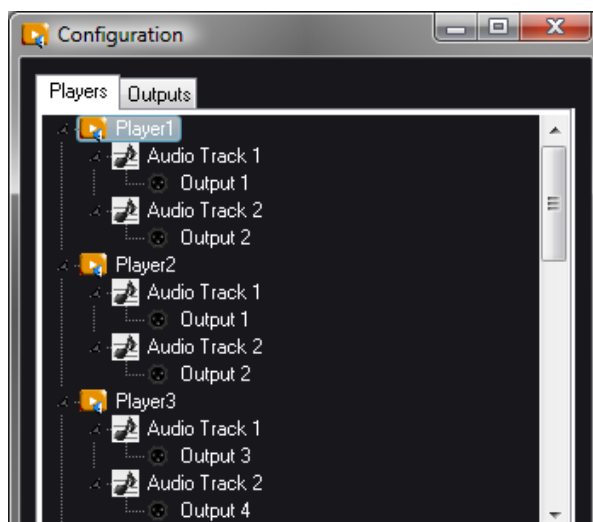


Output Mapping

Player 17 is a mono track player. This audio track is mapped to all 32 audio output.

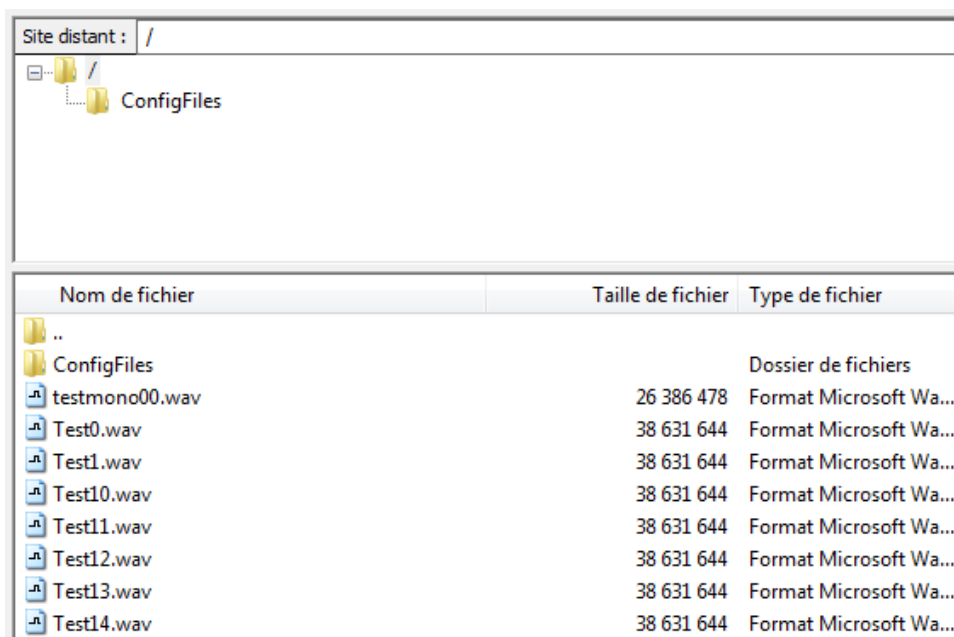


Each pair of stereo players shares their outputs.



Add Audio Files

Any FTP client software can be used to transfer files to the Medialon Audio Server.

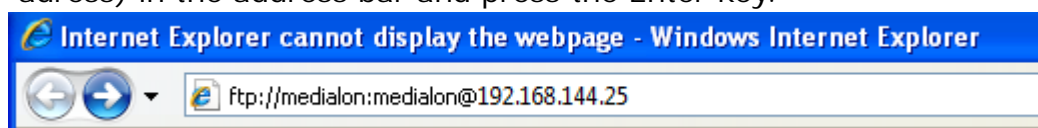


Medialon Audio Server FTP parameters:

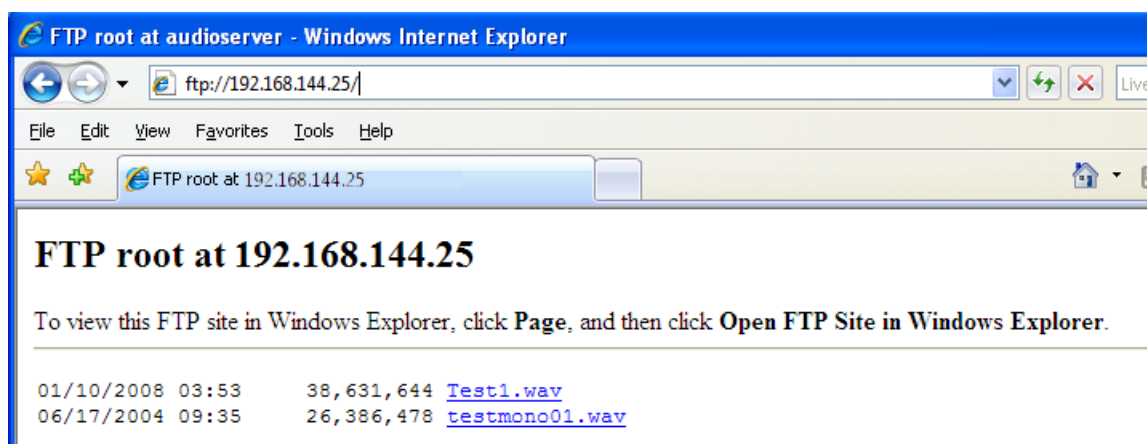
- FTP address: MAS PRO IP address.
- FTP Port 21.
- Login username: medialon.
- Login password medialon.

As an example, here is the procedure to transfer files with Microsoft Internet Explorer:

- Start Internet Explorer.
- Type 'ftp://medialon:medialon@xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx' (xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx is MAS IP adress) in the address bar and press the Enter key.



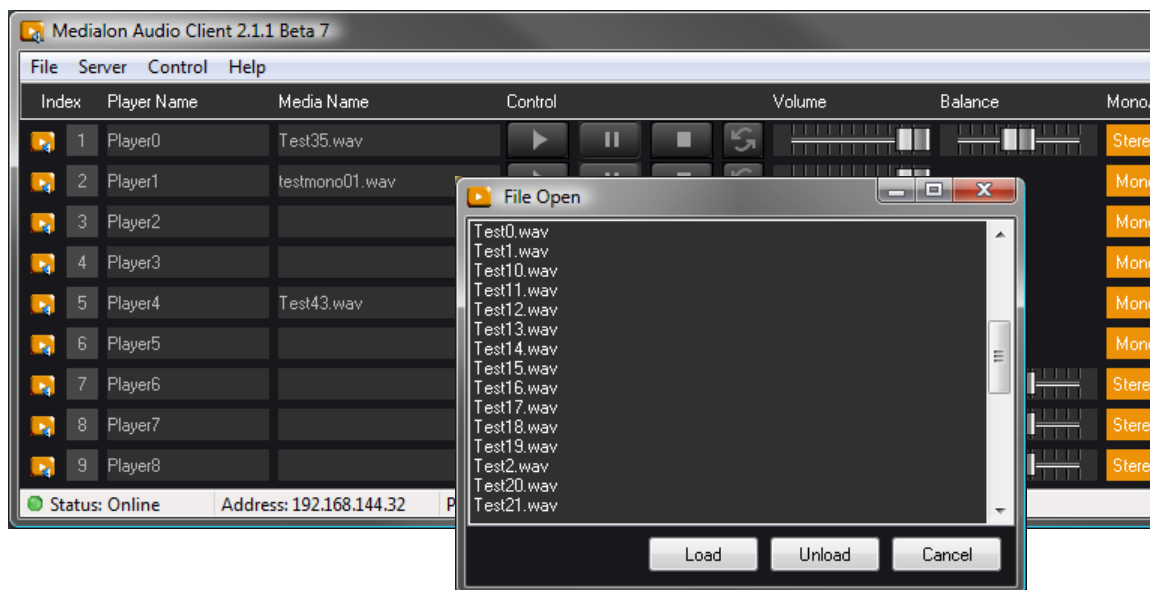
- Internet Explorer displays the content of the media folder.



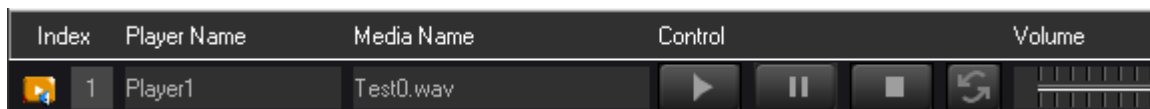
- Drag/drop or Copy/Paste media files to the folder.

Play Audio Files

1. From the main page, click on Media Name area corresponding to the player you want to use.



2. The media list opens.
3. Select a file and click **Load**
4. Press Play to start the media.



5. Use volume and balance fader to adjust the audio level.



See more about "Medialon Audio Server Pro Interface" on page 32.

USING THE AUDIO SERVER

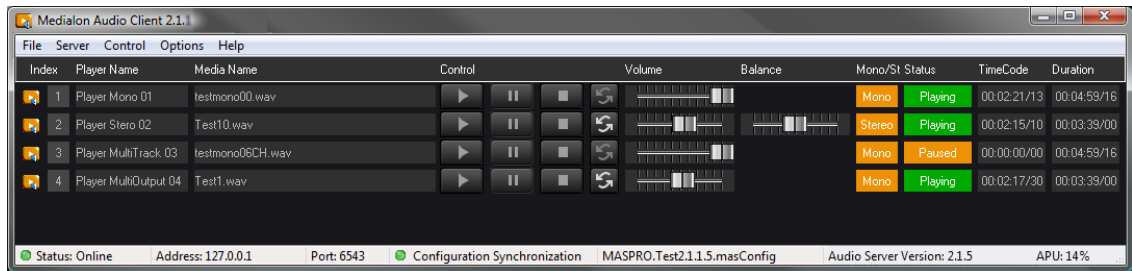
In this section you will learn how to use your Medialon Audio Server.

Medialon Audio Server Pro Interface

The Medialon Audio Server PRO provides a local user interface in order to play audio files and configure the system.

The Main Window

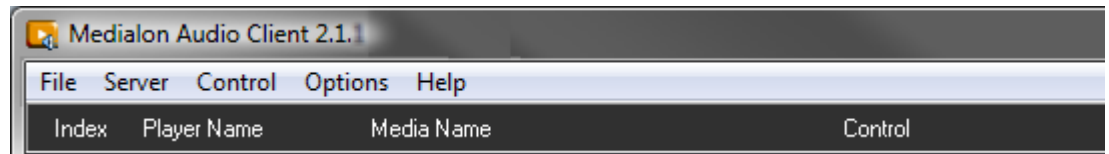
Medialon Audio Server PRO interface is automatically displayed after the system boots up.



Medialon Audio Server PRO main window is composed of a Menu bar, a Status bar and several Player bars.

Menu Bar

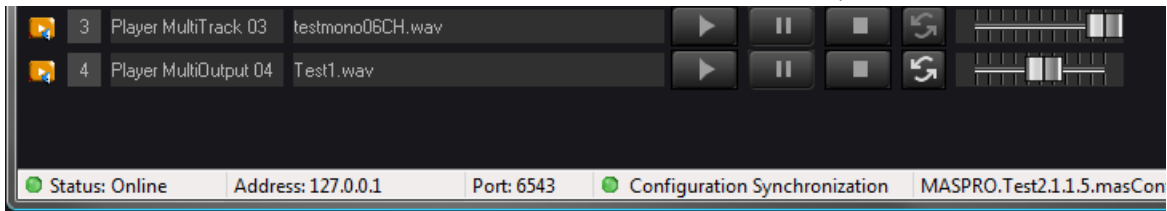
Medialon Audio Server PRO interface provides 4 main menus:



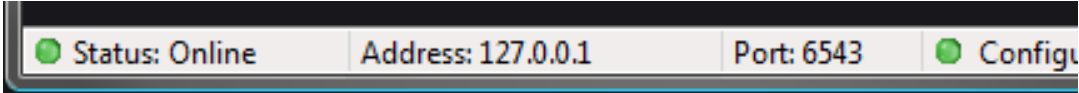
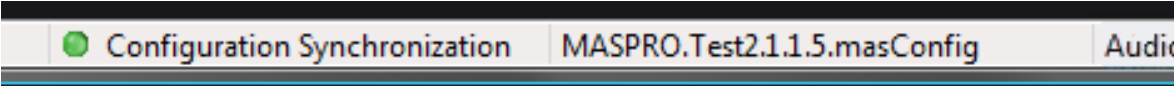
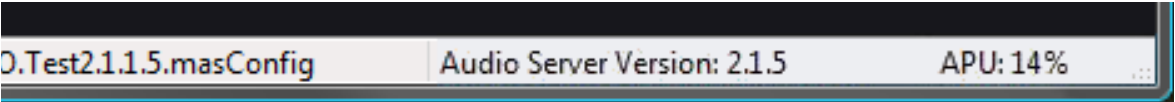
- **File:** this menu allows
 - creating, opening or saving an audio configuration files, [See more about "Configuration Files" on page 38.](#)
 - Shutdown or reboot Medialon Audio Server.
- **Server:** use this menu
 - to setup Medialon Audio Server PRO, [See more about "Medialon Audio Server Setup" on page 57.](#)
 - to edit the audio configuration, [see page 40.](#)
- **Control:** this menu provides, [see page 37.](#)
 - Audio output volume control.
 - global player commands.
- **Options:** use this menu to upgrade your MAS PRO, [see page 60.](#)
- **Help:** [See more about "Help" on page 88.](#)

Status Bar

At the bottom of the Medialon Audio Server PRO interface, there is a Status bar.



This bar gives the following informations:

- **Status:** indicates if the server is online or not. LED turns to green or red
- 
- **Address:** it is the connected Medialon Audio Server address.
 - **Port:** it is the IP Port used by the Medialon Audio Server to listen to new client.
 - **Configuration Synchronization:** indicates if the audio configuration is synchronized between the server and the client. LED turns to green or red
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- **Filename.masConfig:** name of the current loaded audio configuration. This section could be blank.
 - **Audio Server:** Current version of Medialon Audio Server.
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- **APU (Audio Process Unit):** represents the rate of process used by the MAS PRO. APU close to 100% may cause sound drops, pops...

Player Bar

A Player Bar provides the necessary controls and displays related to that player. The number of Players bars depends of the audio configuration. The window can be scrolled with the vertical scroll bar located at the right of the window.



Details of all controls are shown in the following paragraphs.

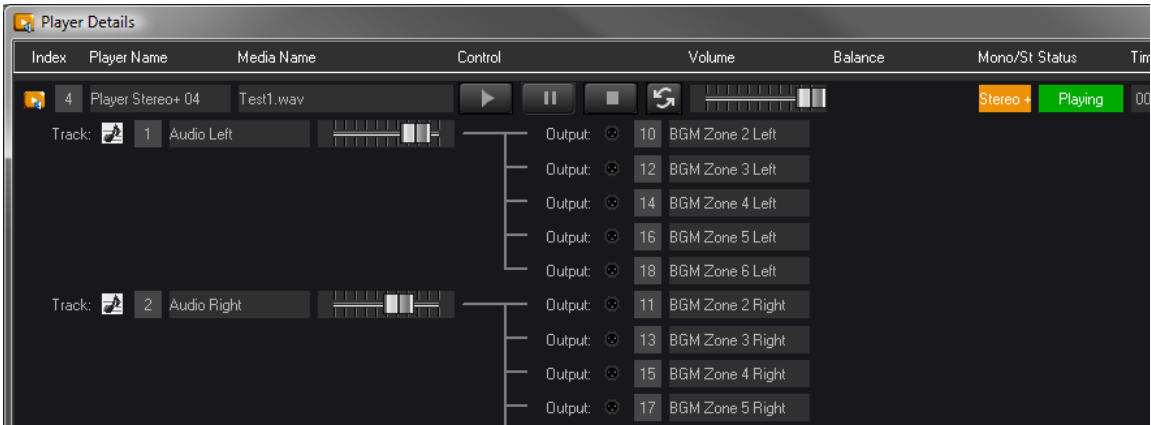
Click on the the index icon to open up the Player details window.

Player Details

Medialon Audio Server PRO Player details window gives access to the same

Player controls available in the main window. In addition you can also act on each audio track available in the Player.

The following paragraphs detail the use of the elements of a Player.

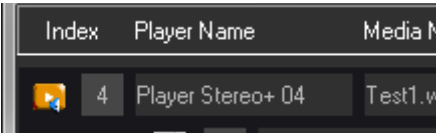


Player Controls

This section is common to the Player bar in the main window.


Player Name

This is the name of the Audio Player.



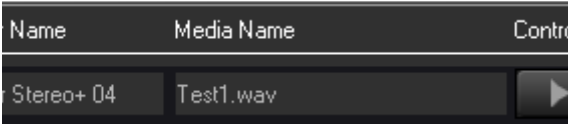
You can change this name when you edit the MAS PRO configuration.

Each Audio Player is also identified by a Player Index.

 *In main window, click on the the index icon to open up the Player details window.*

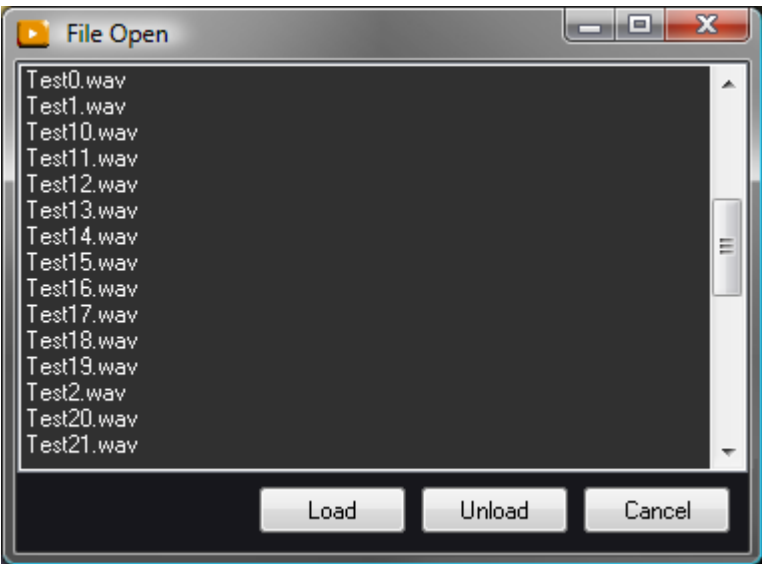
Media Name

This text box shows the name of the audio file currently loaded on the Audio Player. It is blank if no media is loaded.



To load a media:

- Click on the Media Name text box to open the Media Library.
- This will display a media selector which shows all available Audio files.

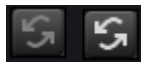
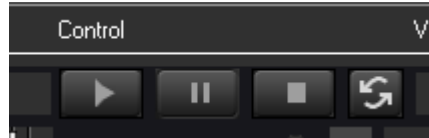


- Select a media and click the **OK** button (or double-click on the file name).
- The Audio file name will appear in the Media Name text box if it is successfully loaded.
- Click on **Unload** button to close the media. The player has no media to play.

 Consult *"Add Audio Files" page 29* to add new audio files.

Transport Commands

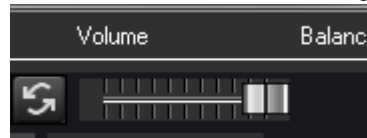
Play, Pause and Stop commands are available in the Control section.




Click on this button to turn On or Off repeat media.

Volume

The Volume slider sets the volume of the Audio Player.



- Move the slider to its rightmost position for full volume.
- Move the slider to the leftmost position to mute the Audio Player.

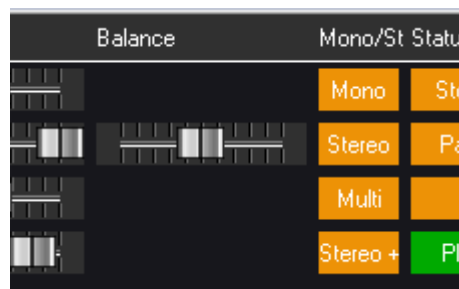
 Hold the CTRL key to move all volume sliders at the same level.

Balance

Balance slider is available with stereo players. You can adjust the proportion between the left and right audio track.

Mono/Stereo/Multi

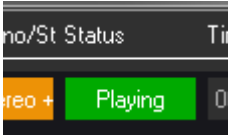
Audio Player can be used as Stereo, Mono or Multitrack player, Mono/ST indicates the type of Player: .



- Mono: Player with 1 audio track mapped to 1 audio output.
- Mono+: Player with 1 track mapped to several outputs.
- Stereo: Player with 2 audio tracks, each track goes to 1 different output.
- Stereo+: Player with 2 audio tracks, audio tracks are mapped to several outputs or to the same one.
- Multi: Player with more than 2 audio tracks, each track goes to 1 different output.
- Multi+: Player with more than 2 audio tracks, audio tracks are mapped to several outputs or to the same one.

Status

This text box shows the status of the Audio Player.

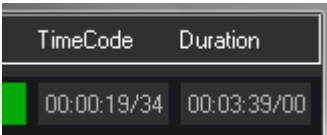


Different Audio Player Status are:

- **Idle**: no media file has been loaded on this Audio Player since MAS PRO power up.
- **Open**: a media file is loaded on this Audio Player.
- **Closed**: the media file couldn't be loaded.
- **Playing**: the media is playing.
- **Paused**: the media is paused
- **Stopped**: the media is stopped
- **Not Online**: the Medialon Audio Server is not online.

TimeCode / Duration

TimeCode shows the current position of the media.



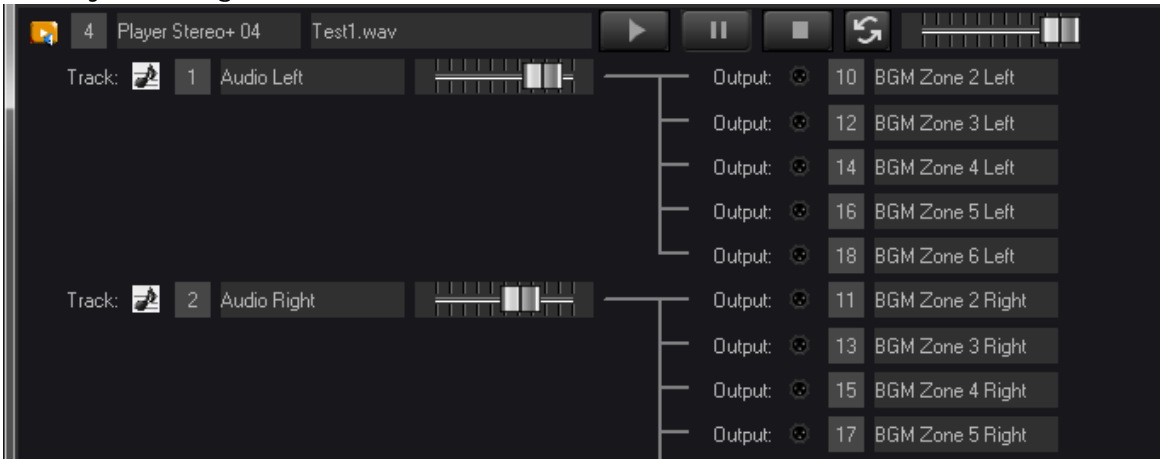
TimeCode is displayed with hundredth of second unit precision. The format is **hh:mm:ss/ff** where:

- **hh** means Hours
- **mm** means Minutes
- **ss** means Seconds
- **ff** means Hundredth of Seconds

The media duration is set to 00:00:00/00 if no audio file is loaded.

Track Controls

This section presents the audio track controls, the number of tracks depends of the Player configuration.



This section also displayed the output mapping.

Track Name

This is the name of the Audio track.



You can change this name when you edit the MAS PRO configuration.

Each Audio track is also identified by a track Index.

Track Volume

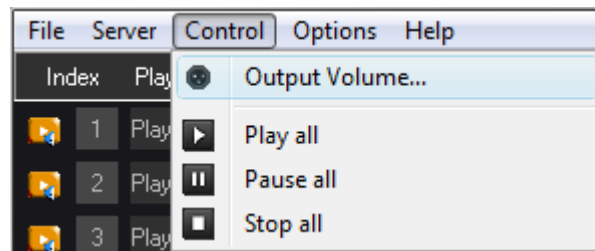
The Volume slider sets the volume of the Audio track.



- Move the slider to its rightmost position for full volume.
- Move the slider to the leftmost position to mute the Audio Track.

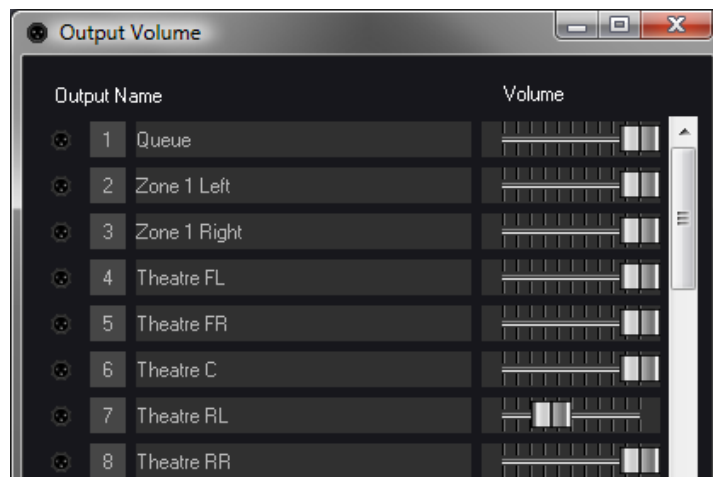
 Hold the CTRL key to move all track volume sliders at the same level.

Menu Control




Output Volume

The Volume slider sets the volume of the Audio output.



- Move the slider to its rightmost position for full volume.
- Move the slider to the leftmost position to mute the Audio Output.

 Hold the CTRL key to move all volume sliders at the same level.

Command All Players

With these commands (Play, Pause, Stop), you send the order to all the Players present in the Medialon Audio Server PRO at the same time.

Audio Configuration

The Medialon Audio Server PRO can be used with different audio configurations.

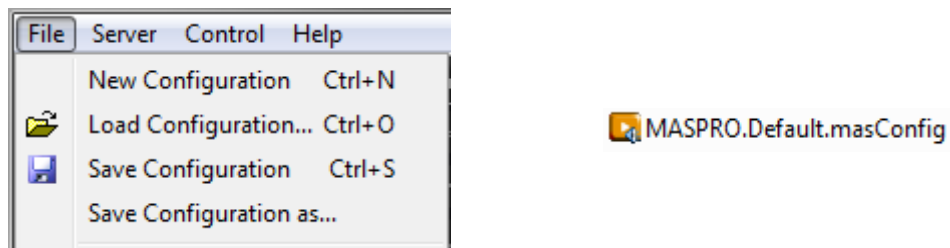
Configuration Management

MAS PRO audio configuration can be edited with the local interface or remotely from a Medialon Audio Client PRO.

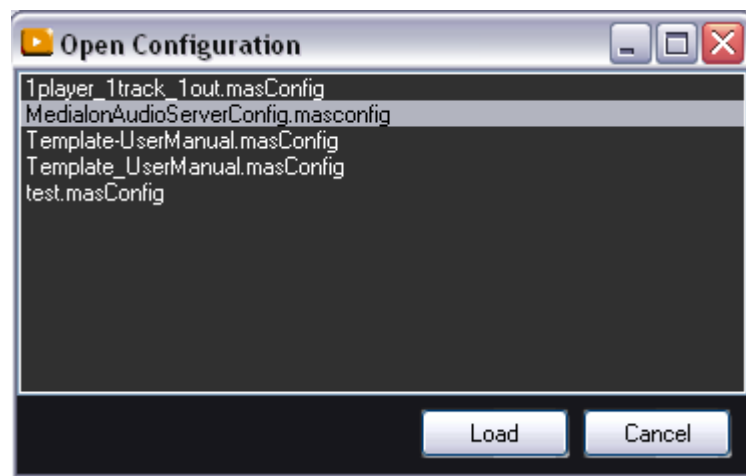
Configuration Files

Medialon Audio Server PRO audio configuration can be saved as files.

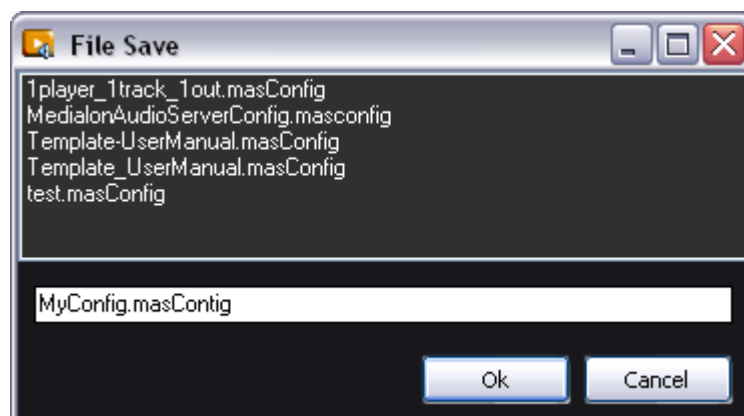
- Go to File menu:



- New Configuration: create a new empty configuration.
- Load Configuration: load an existing configuration file.

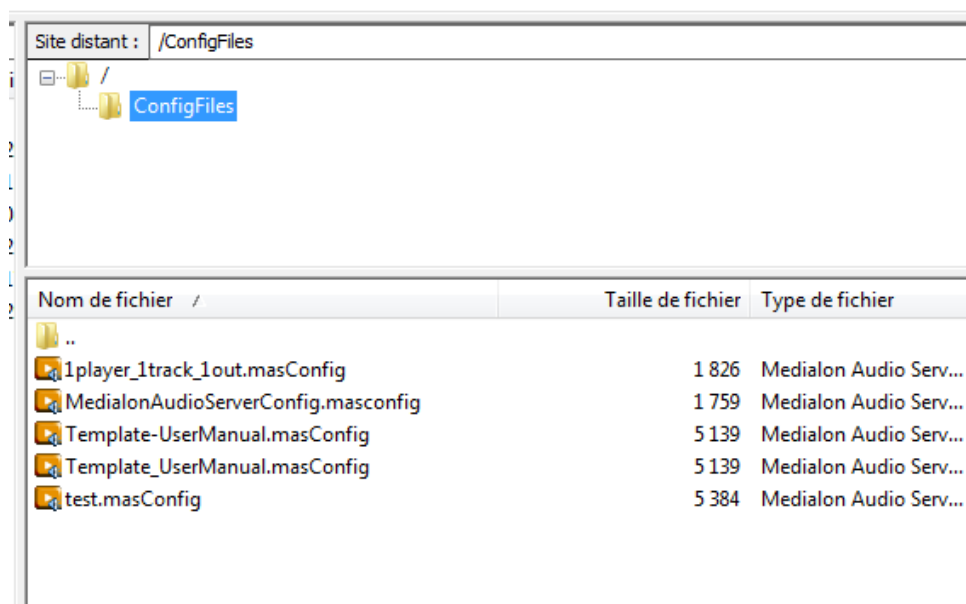


- Save Configuration: save the current configuration.
- Save Configuration as: save the current configuration into a new file.



Configuration Files Location

Configuration files are saved in a folder called "ConfigFiles".

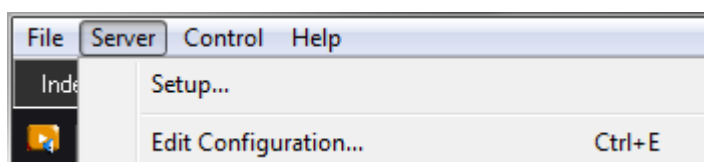


This folder is accessible with the FTP connection. See ["FTP Server" on page 64](#).

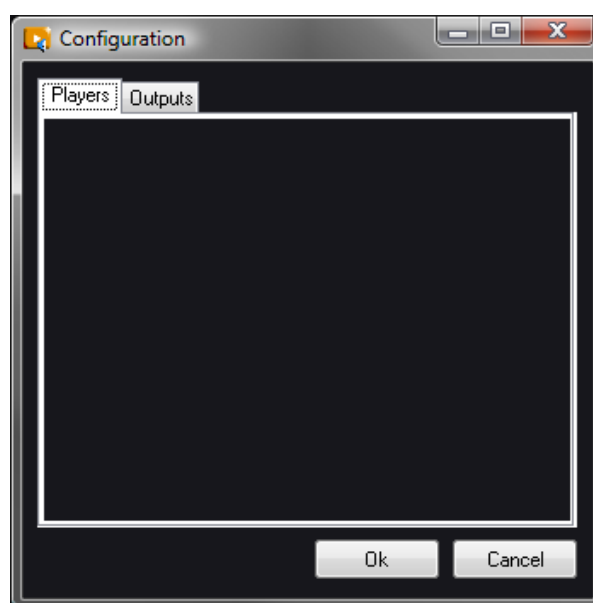
Edit Configuration

Medialon Audio Server PRO audio configuration can be edited even if you are disconnected from the MAS PRO.


- Go to Server menu and select Edit Configuration.



- Or use [CTRL+E] on your keyboard to open up the Configuration editor.

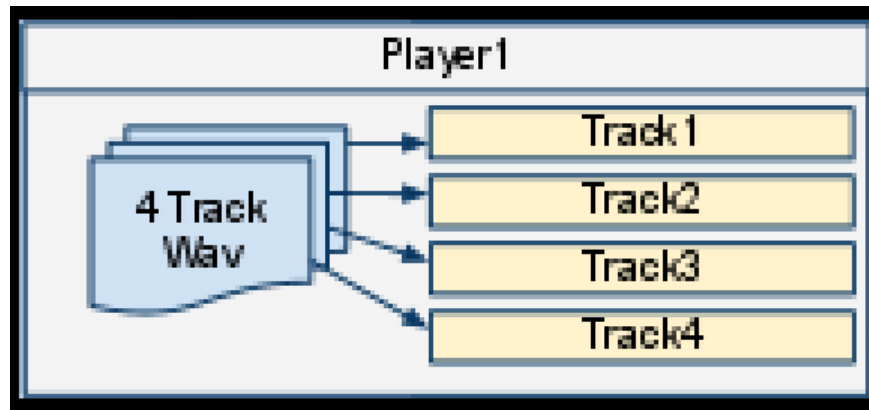


- Once your audio configuration is completed, click on **Ok** button to validate it.

 *Each time you send a configuration, MAS PRO is reseted, all media are unloaded.*

Players Configuration

a MAS PRO Player is the logical entity where audio files are loaded and played. A player is defined by one or several audio tracks corresponding to the type of recording.

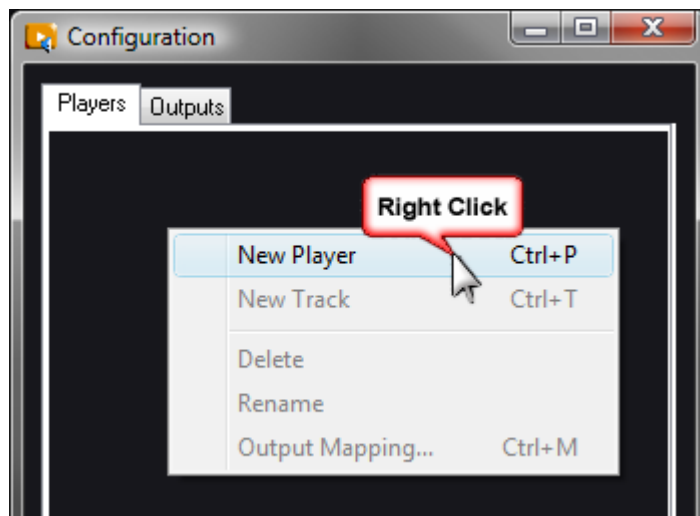


Medialon Audio Server can host as many players as you need.

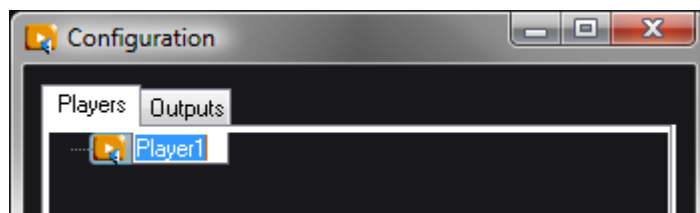
Add New Player

To add a Player in your configuration:

1. Use the right click menu or [CTRL+P] shortcut.



2. You can give a name to the player. Medialon Audio Server attributes an automatic player name based on the index in the player list.



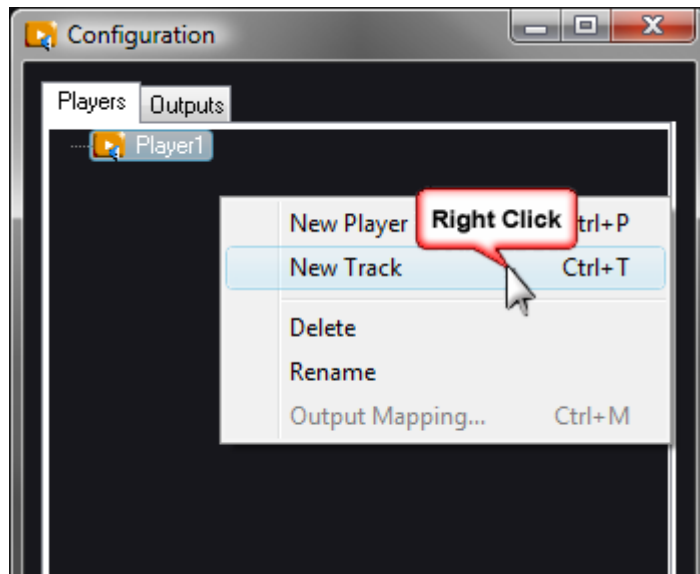
With the right click menu, you can also rename the player or delete it.

Add New Tracks

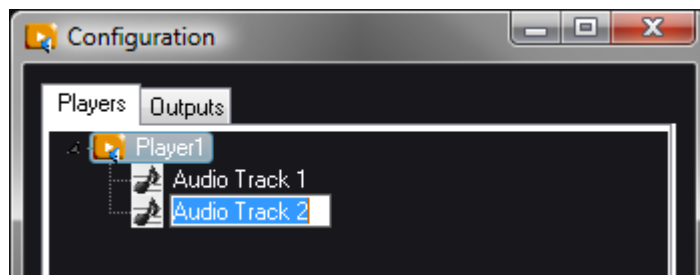
Once a player is created, you need to add one or more tracks to play the audio.

1. Select a Player

2. Use the right click menu or [CTRL+T] shortcut.



3. You can give a name to the tracks. Medialon Audio Server attributes an automatic track name based on the index in the player track list.

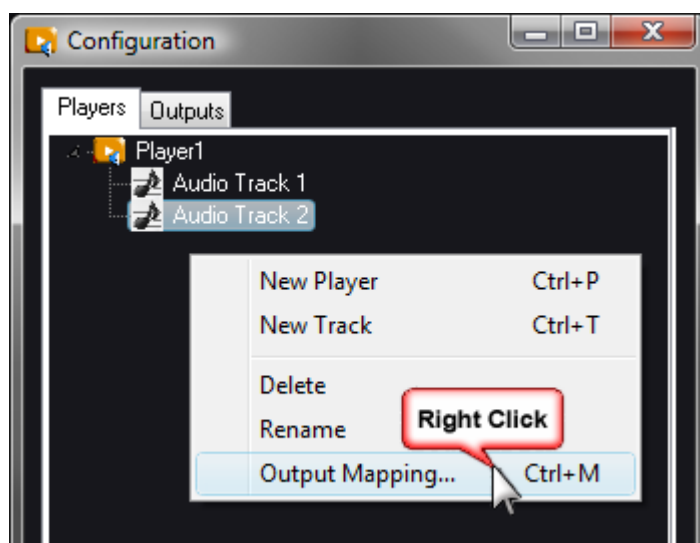


With the right click menu, you can also rename the track or delete it.

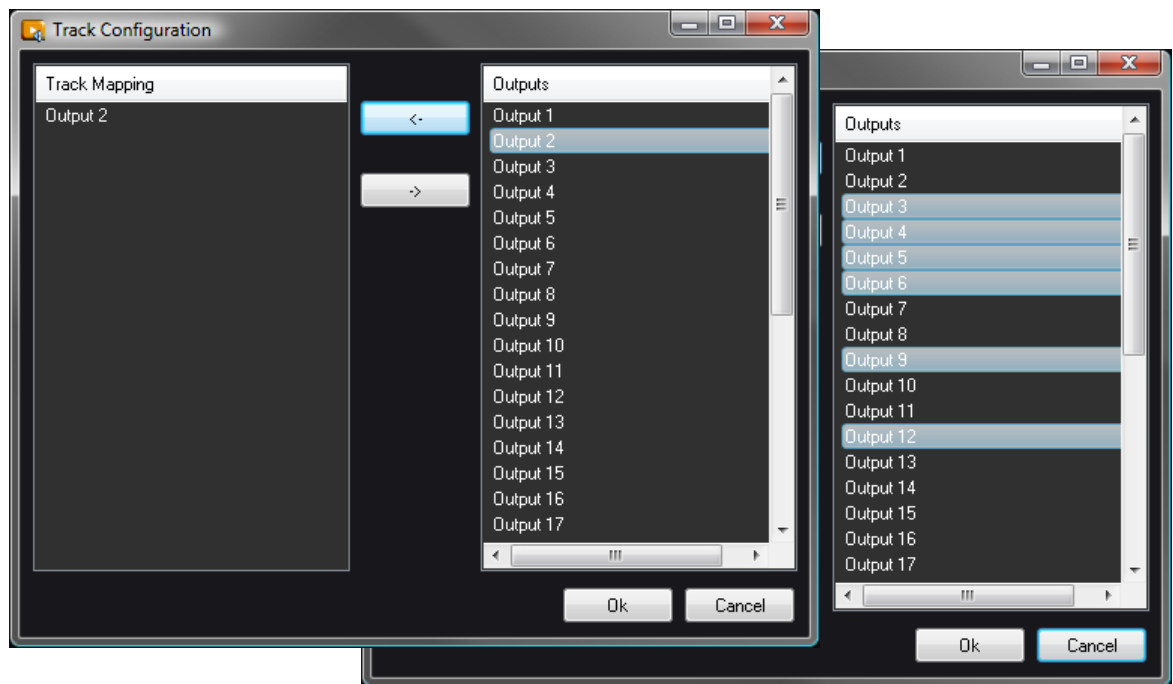
Output Mapping

Once player and tracks are created, you need to select the physical audio outputs used to perform the audio file.

1. Select a track
2. Use the right click menu or [CTRL+M] shortcut.

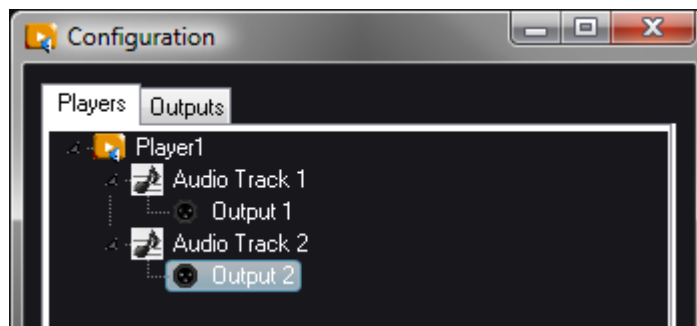


3. Select one or several outputs in the right list.




4. Click on the **Add Outputs**  button to route the track to the selected outputs.

5. Click on OK to validate the output mapping.



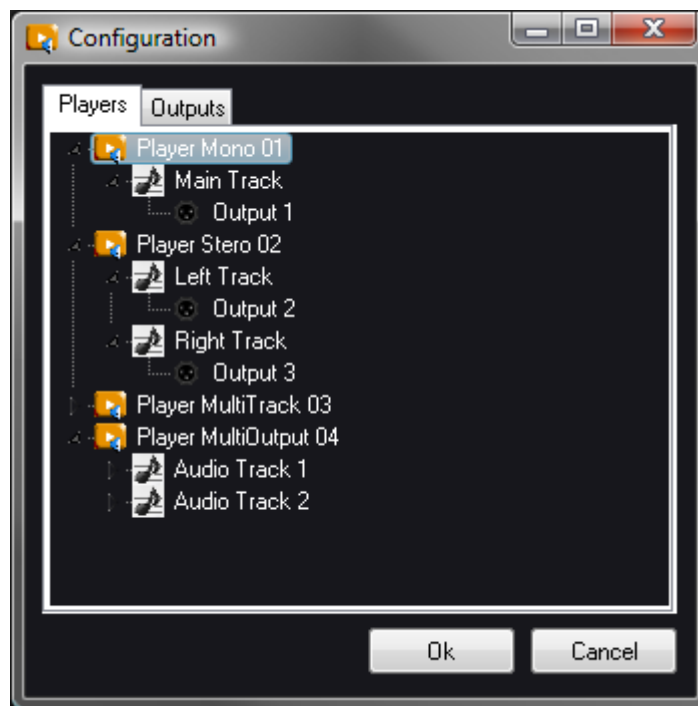
You can change the output mapping, execute step 1 and 2 as described above.

3. Select on the left list the outputs you want to remove.

4. Click on the **Remove Outputs**  button to unroute the track.

Players List

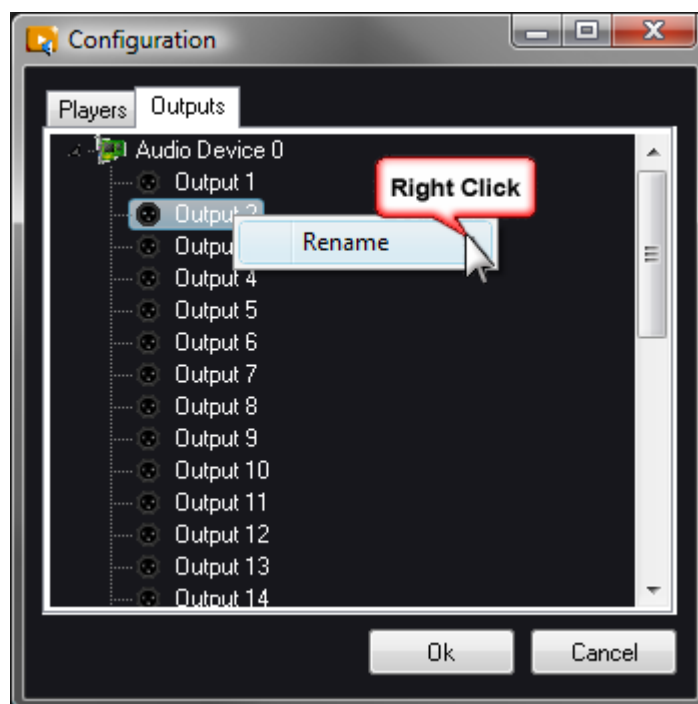
From the Players tabs, you can expand or collapse the players configuration




Outputs Configuration

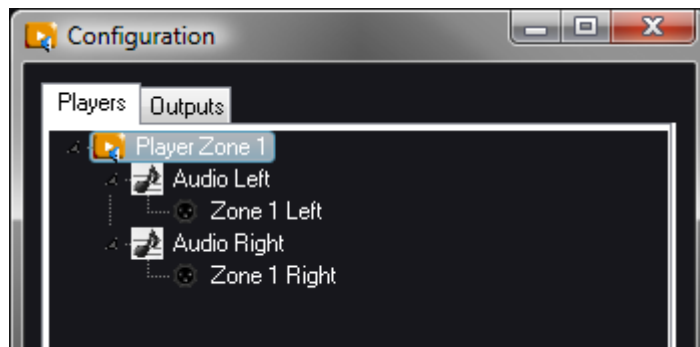
Physical outputs can be renamed, the output mapping will be easier to do.

1. Select an output
2. Right click to rename it.



3. Click on Ok button to validate the new output names.

 *New output names are not changed in the Player output mapping until you validate your changes.*



MAS PRO Startup Status

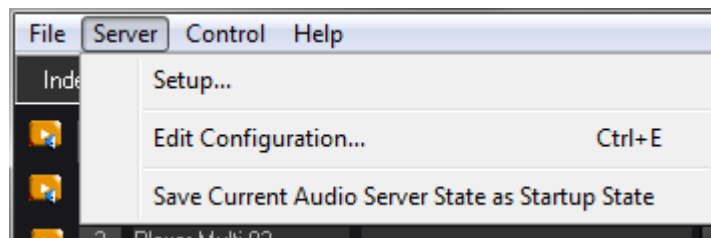
Once the audio configuration of your Medialon Audio Server PRO is completed, you can also define a default status for all players. This default status will be loaded each time Medialon Audio Server PRO will power on.

This startup status contains:


- Media file loaded or not in each player.
- Volume and Track level for each Player.
- Transport command (Play or Stop, Repeat) for each Player.
- Audio Output levels.

Save a startup state

1. Load and start or not media files in the players
2. Set all audio levels
3. Activate the play repeat where it is needed.
4. Goto Server menu.



5. Select "Save Current Audio Server State as Startup State".

 *Warning! the startup state is deleted each time you send a configuration to the server.*

REMOTE CONTROL

This section will teach you different ways to control your Medialon Audio Server.

Medialon Audio Client PRO

A remote client software is provided on the Medialon Audio Server installation CD. This program, named Medialon Audio Client PRO allows to interact with the Medialon Audio Server from any Windows based personal computer (for example, a laptop). Basically, this software emulates the same user interface as the local Medialon Audio Server PRO user interface.

Client Installation

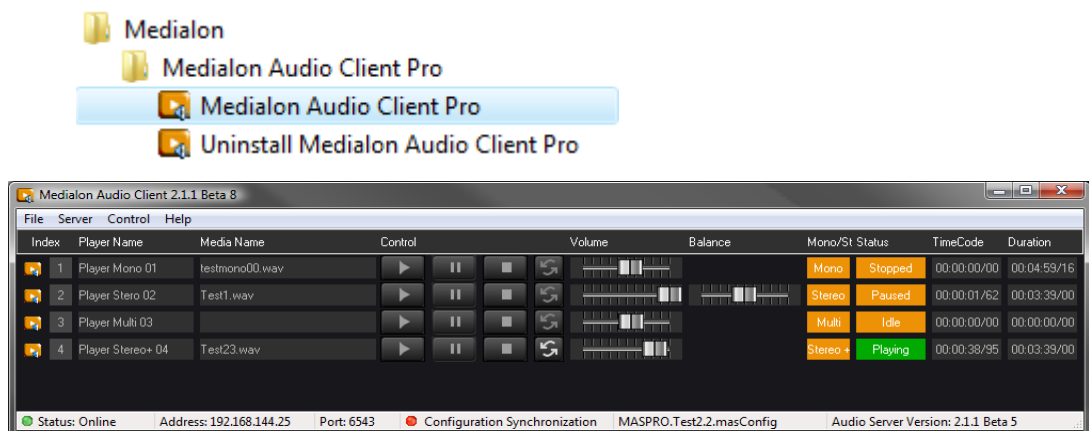
Medialon Software Products are compatible with Windows XP, Windows Vista (32Bits) and Windows 7 (32Bits) and can be used on these platform for all kind of usage. However, although they can run on Windows 64 bits platforms (Vista 64bits and Windows 7 64 Bits) in 32 bits compatibility mode, it has not been fully tested and certified on these platforms, so we recommend to do not use these platforms in production environment.


To install Medialon Audio Client PRO software:

1. Insert the DVD in the DVD-ROM drive of your computer, the installer launches automatically
2. Read the Software License Agreement, then click the "Yes" button.
3. Click "Next" on the Welcome page.
4. Fill in the user information and click "Next".
5. Click "Next" on the Choose Destination Location page. This will install Medialon Audio Client PRO in the default Medialon Audio Client PRO directory.
6. The installation process copies the Medialon Audio Client PRO files.
7. Remove the DVD from the DVD-ROM drive and click "Finish" to complete Medialon Audio Client PRO installation.

Starting Medialon Audio Client PRO

Start the Audio Client PRO from Start/Program/Medialon/Medialon Audio Client PRO.

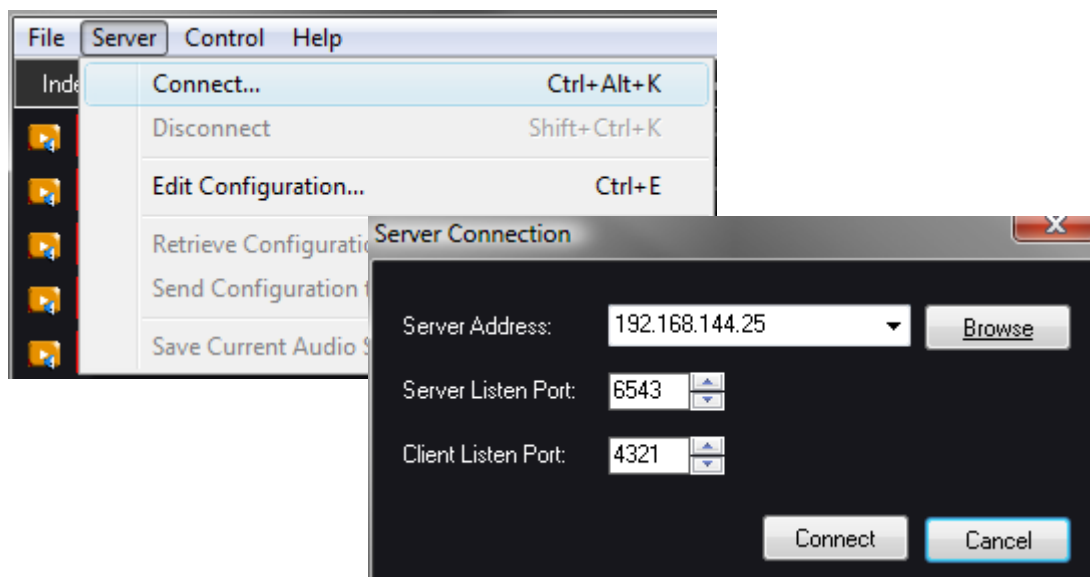


 **Note:** If Firewall activated, there may be a message box asking to block or unblock the communication port used by the Medialon Audio Client PRO. Choose "Unblock" and click "OK".


Connection to Medialon Audio Server

Start a connection

Select "Connect" in the "Server" menu item: this will open the Server connection dialog box.



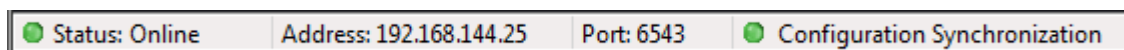
- **Server Address:** Enter the IP Address or computer name of the Medialon Audio Server.
- **Browse:** Use this button to start a network scan and detect all Medialon Audio Server PRO present on the network.

 *Network scan is not able to detect MAS24-96 models.*

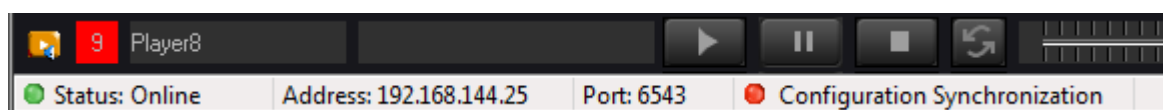
- **Server Listen Port:** Enter the IP Port used by the Medialon Audio Server to listen to new client. Don't change this value (default is "6543") unless this setting has been modified in the Medialon Audio Server.
- **Client Listen Port:** Enter the IP Port opened by Audio Client PRO to communicate with the Medialon Audio Server. Don't change this value (default is "4321") unless this port is already used on the client computer.
- **Connect:** use this button to open the connection.

MAS PRO Connected

When connection is established, status bar will indicate if client audio configuration is synchronized with the Medialon Audio Server.



When audio configuration is different between the server and the client. Configuration Synchronization LED turns to red.

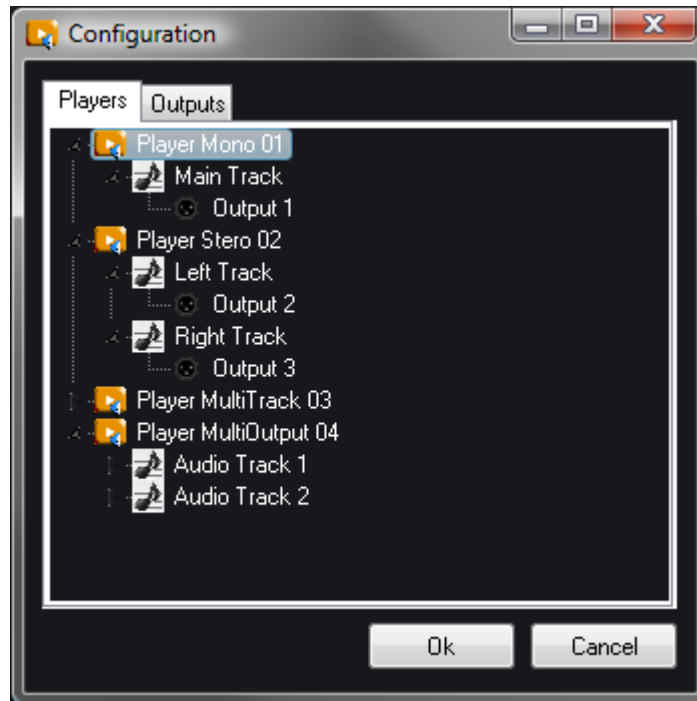


Audio Configuration

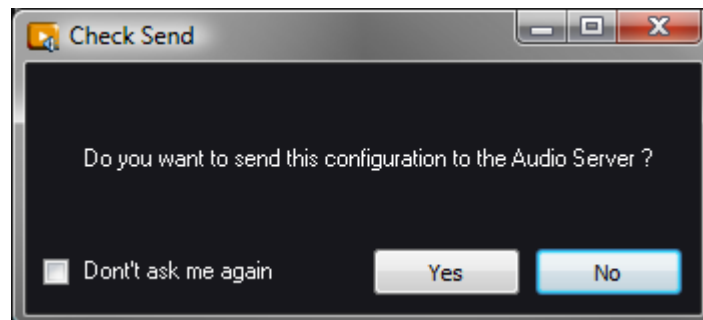
Either if you are connected or not to a MAS PRO, Audio configuration can be changed.

Edit Configuration

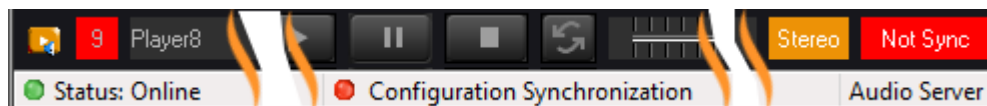
With Medialon Audio Client PRO you can edit the audio configuration.



Even if MAS PRO is not Online, you can create a new audio configuration. [See more about "Audio Configuration" on page 38..](#)

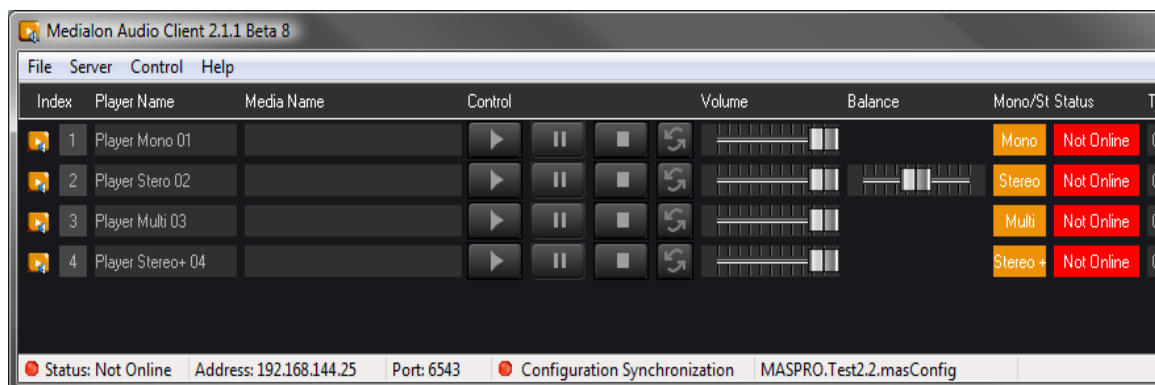


If you don't send the configuration to the server, the Audio Client PRO will display a nonsync configuration.



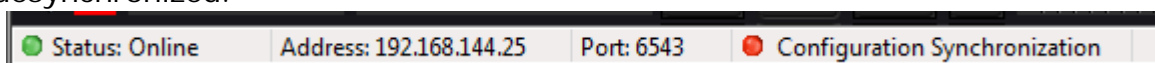
When a player name does not match with the current server configuration, player status turns to "Not Sync".

You can also work on the audio configuration offline.



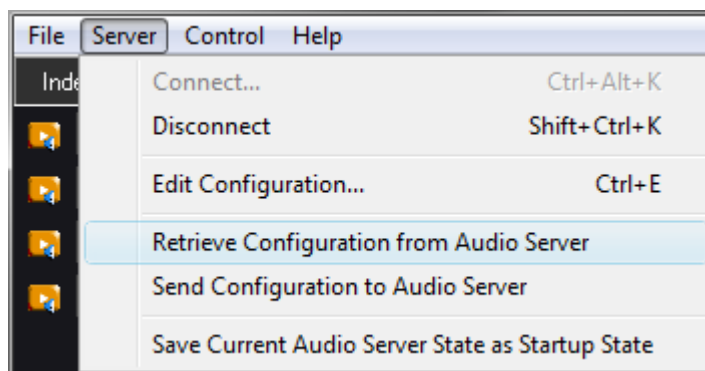
Configuration Synchronization

After any change in the audio configuration, the server and the client are desynchronized.

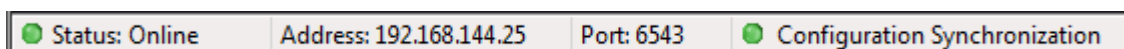


From this state you can execute a synchronization in one direction or the other.

- Go to Server menu.



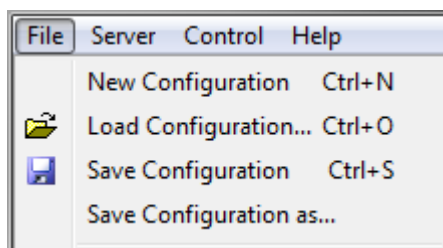
- Select 'Retrieve Configuration ...' to synchronize your client.
- Select 'Send Configuration ...' to synchronize the MAS PRO.



Configuration Synchronization LED turns to green when Client and Server are in sync.

Configuration Files

Medialon Audio Server audio configuration can be saved as files.

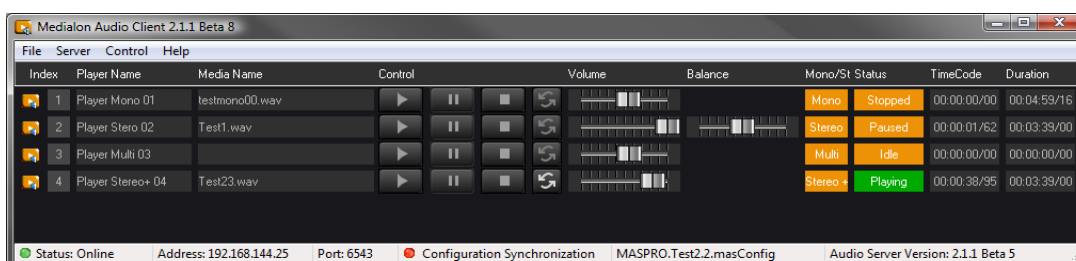


MASPRO.Default.masConfig

So you can keep a copy of your different configurations in your Client host PC.

Using Medialon Audio Client PRO

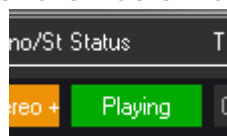
At startup Medialon Audio Client PRO automatically connects to the last specified Medialon Audio Server and retrieve its audio configuration.



As the Audio Client PRO replicates the main window and the player bars of the Medialon Audio Server PRO local interface, See [“Medialon Audio Server Pro Interface” on page 32.](#)

Status

This text box shows the status of the Audio Player.



Different Audio Player Status are:

- **Idle:** no media file has been loaded on this Audio Player since MAS PRO power up.
- **Open:** a media file is loaded on this Audio Player.
- **Closed:** the media file couldn't be loaded.
- **Playing:** the media is playing.
- **Paused:** the media is paused
- **Stopped:** the media is stopped
- **Not Online:** the Medialon Audio Server is not online.
- **Not Sync:** the MAS PRO Audio Configuration is not synchronized. Configuration Synchronization LED is also red to indicate this Not Sync status.

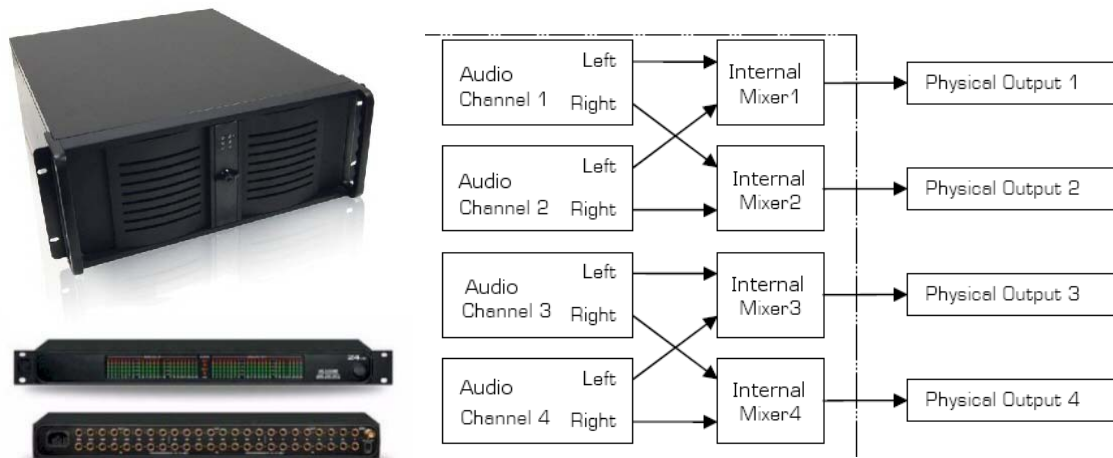
 Load media file and volume adjustment can only be done when Medialon Audio Client PRO is connected to a MAS.

Controlling Medialon Audio Server (MAS 24-96)

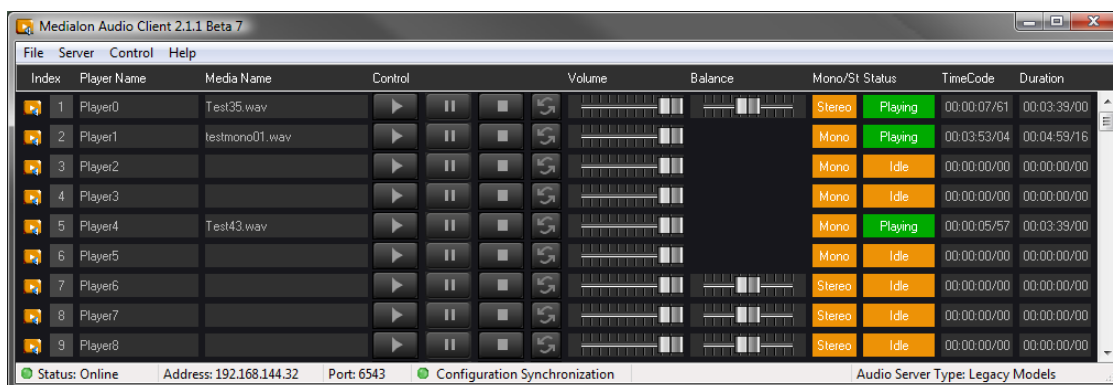
It is possible to use Medialon Audio Client PRO to control a Medialon Audio Server first generation.

MAS 24-96 Configuration

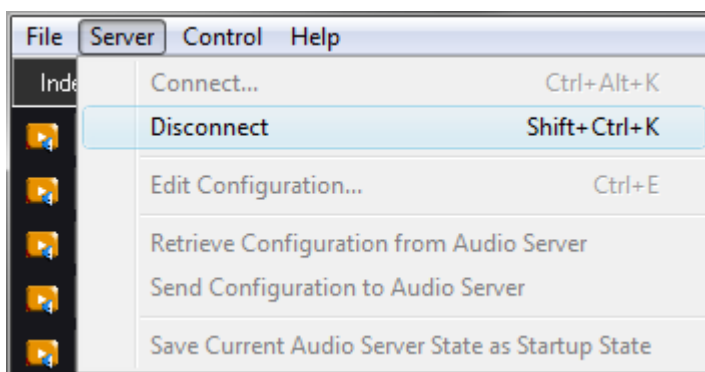
With these models the audio configuration is static (24/48/72/96 audio outputs), when Medialon Audio Client PRO is connected to one of these models, a Legacy Models configuration is automatically loaded.



This legacy configuration gives access to 96 stereo players mapped to a pair of output.



 It is not possible to edit this configuration or to send another one to the MAS.



Players cannot be edited and Player details are not available. there is no track audio level in this configuration.

Mono/Stereo and Balance

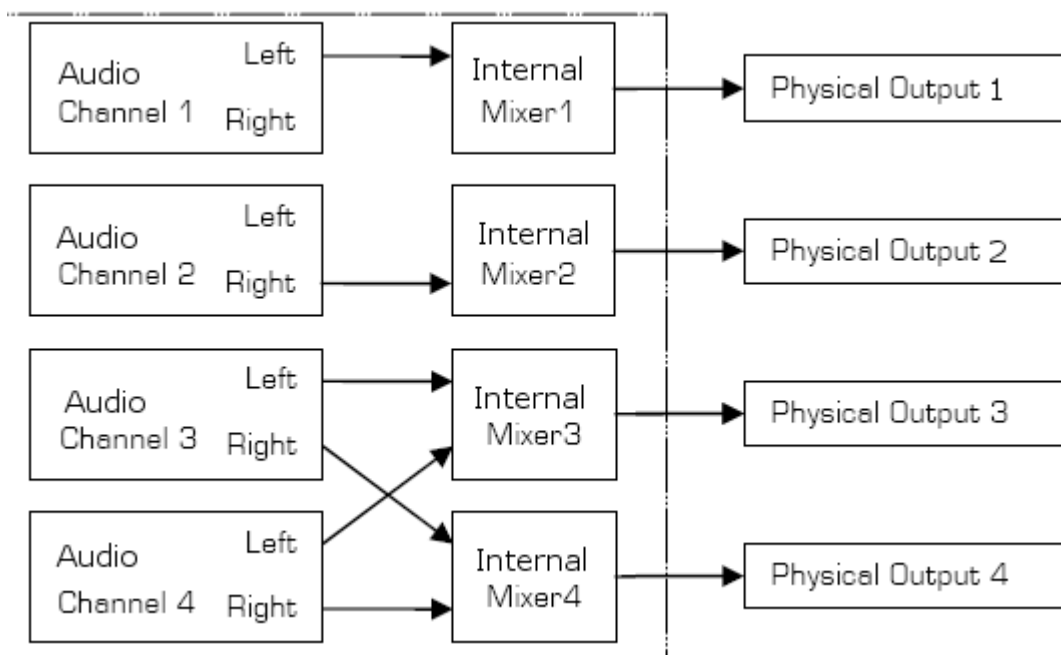
Stereo Players can be used as Stereo or Mono channel.

Volume	Balance	Mono/St	Status	TimeCode	Dur
		Stereo	Playing	00:00:07/61	00:
		Mono	Playing	00:03:53/04	00:
		Mono	Idle	00:00:00/00	00:
		Mono	Idle	00:00:00/00	00:

Click on the Mono/Stereo control to switch between mono or stereo mode.

In stereo mode, the Balance slider sets the balance between the physical left and right outputs of the Audio Channel.

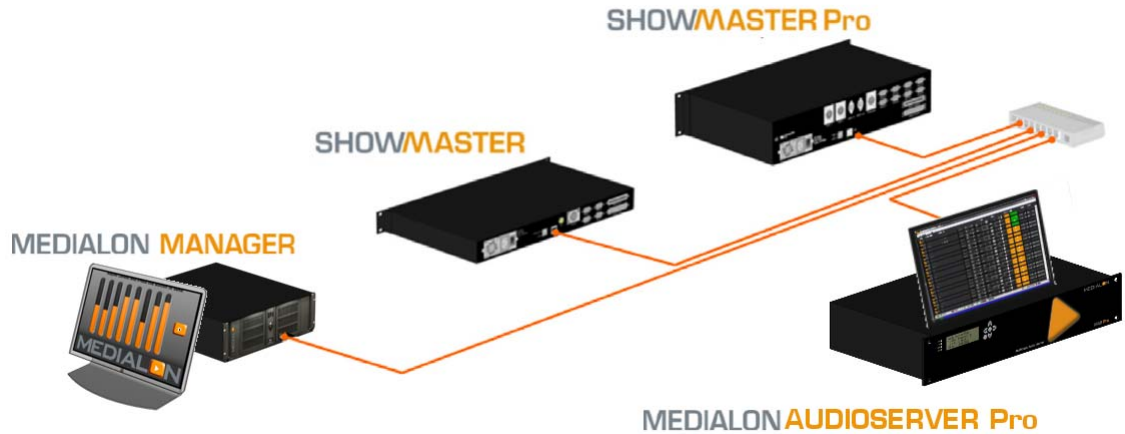
For example: the Audio Player with an ID of 3 will route its audio to physical outputs 3 and 4.



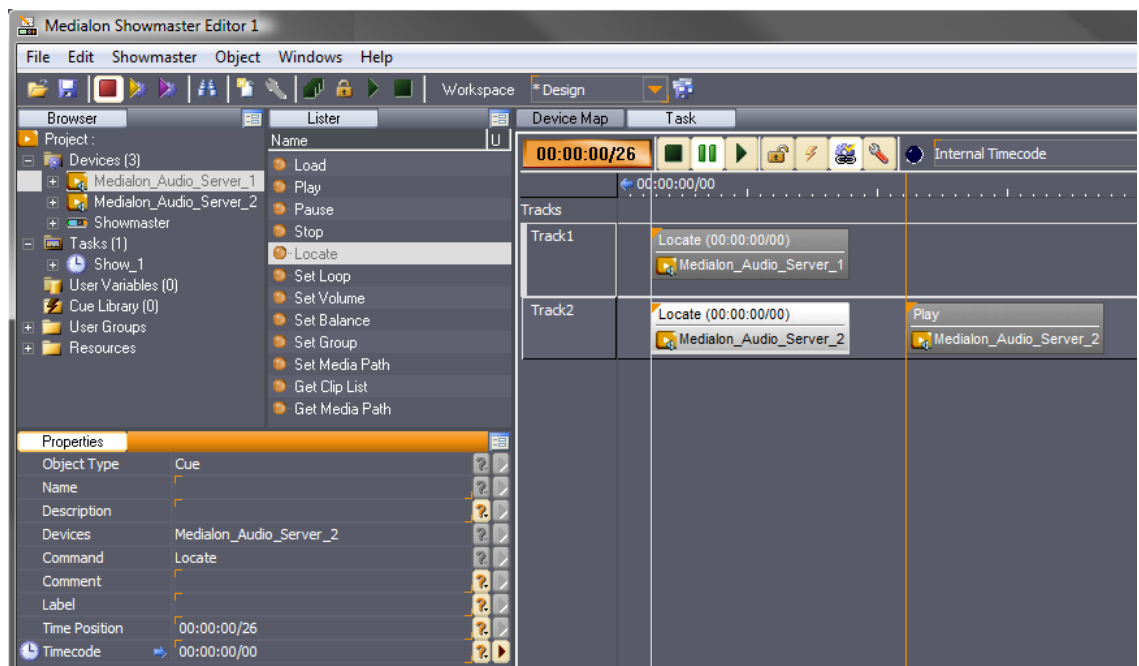
In Mono mode, the Balance slider is not shown and the audio signal is routed to the same physical output as the Audio Player ID.

Medialon Control System

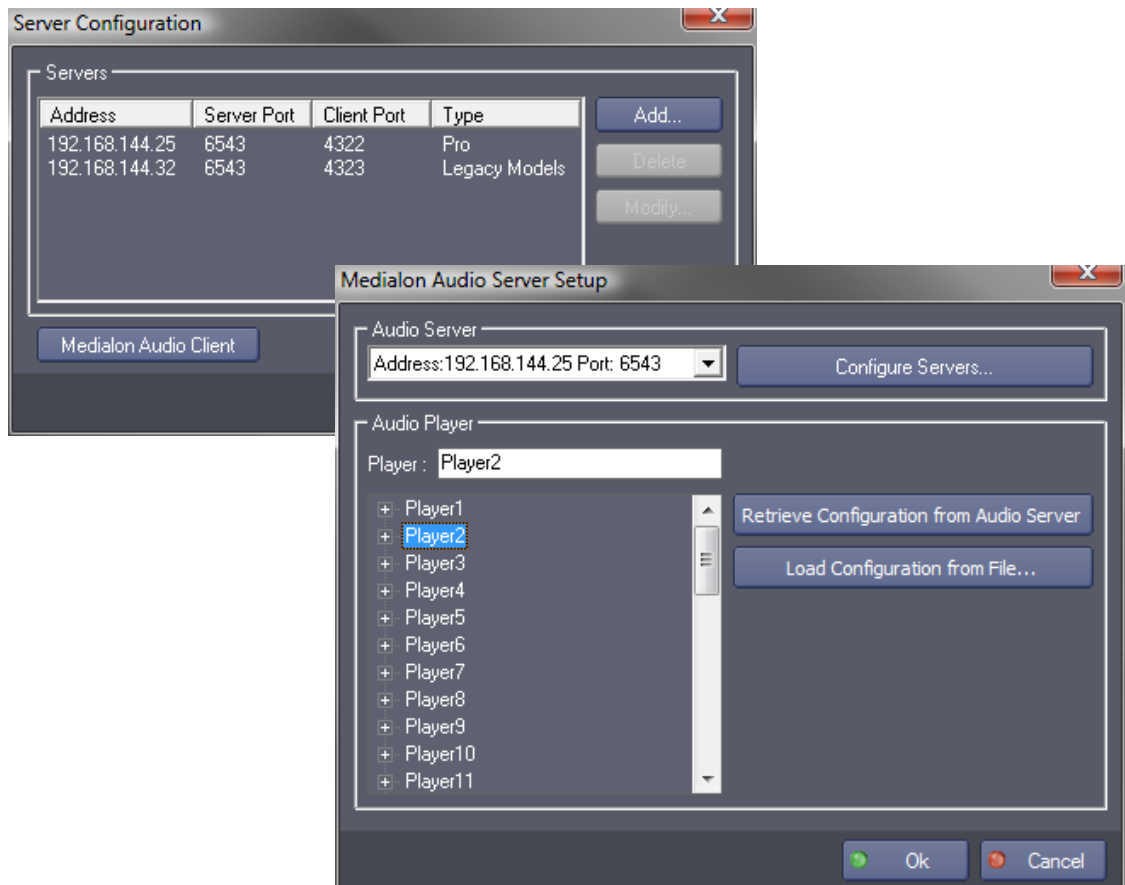
The Medialon Audio Server PRO can be controlled remotely from Medialon Showmaster, the Medialon Embedded Show Controller or Medialon Manager, the Show Control software.



Medialon Control System software through the use of a software plug-in called MxM Medialon Audio Server allows to fully integrate one or more Medialon Audio Server in a show installation.



Audio Players are declared as Medialon Device.



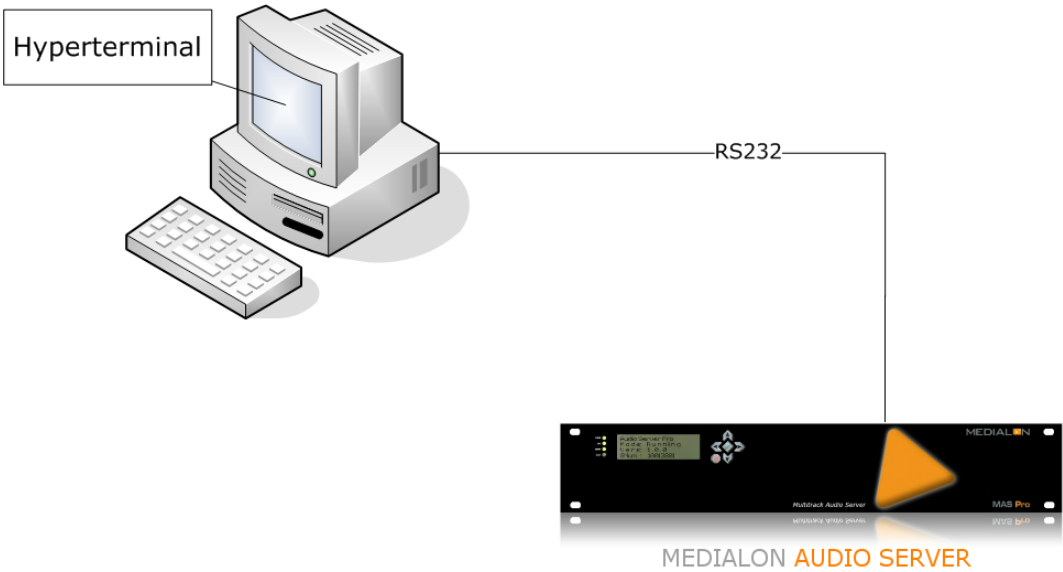
The list of available Players can be retrieved from the MAS PRO.

Medialon Control System offers the capability to create group of players to insure the synchronous execution of a command for this group of players. Several commands like Play, Pause, Stop, Locate are concerned. [See more about MxM Medialon Audio Server.](#)

Discover the power of Medialon Control System, visit [Medialon web site](#)

Serial External Control

Medialon Audio Server PRO is designed to be controlled remotely from another system by using serial connection.



Connect a RS232 cross cable to the COM port on the rear of Medialon Audio Server and use Hyperterminal for external commands.

RS232 Wiring Diagram

PC (sub D9 Fem.)		Manager (sub D9 Fem.)
RxD 2	_____	3 TxD
TxD 3	_____	2 RxD
GND 5	_____	5 GND

Refer to the ["RS232 Protocol" page 73](#) for commands details.

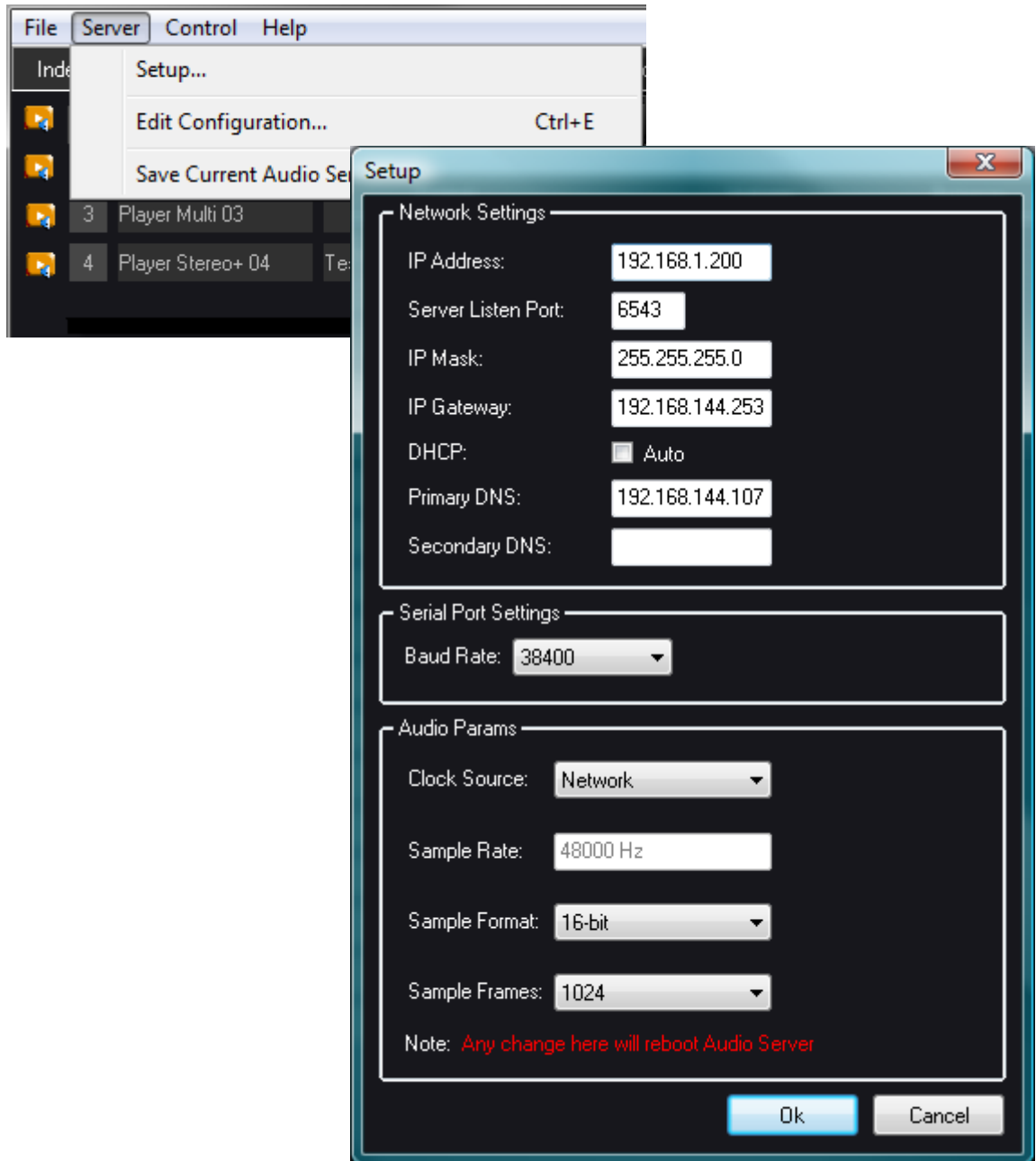
MAINTENANCE

In this section, you will learn how to maintain your Medialon Audio Server PRO.

Medialon Audio Server Setup

The Medialon Audio Server PRO settings are made locally. a remote Medialon Audio Client PRO cannot change the system setup.

Clicking on the "Server/Setup..." menu item displays the Setup dialog box which allows to set up various system parameters of the Medialon Audio Server.




Network Settings

The Medialon Audio Server PRO is configured to use DHCP to get its IP address. If your network installation has no DHCP server or requires another IP address,

open the Setup menu and change the Network settings.

- **IP Address:** defines the network address of the MAS PRO. You may need to modify it if the default IP Address doesn't match your network configuration.
- **Server Listen Port:** this value doesn't need to be modified unless a special configuration of your network doesn't allow this port. The default value is 6543.
- **IP Mask:** defines the network subnet the MAS PRO belongs to.
- **IP Gateway:** defines the network gateway.
- **DHCP:** use DHCP for automatic IP address.
- **Primary DNS:**
- **Secondary DNS:**

 *Network settings should be changed with caution, improper settings may cause a malfunction of the Medialon Audio Server PRO.*

Serial Settings

Medialon Audio Server can be controlled through its COM1 port and a RS232 communication.

- **Baud Rate:** select speed of communication.

Audio Parameters


In this section, you set the type of audio files used with Medialon Audio Server.

- **Clock Source:** Select the clock source between CobraNet network and Word Clock Input. See more about "Clock Source Configuration" on page 70.

- **Sample Rate:** The sample rate is fixed at 48kHz for the audio files.


- **Sample Format:** defines the quality of the sound played by the MAS PRO. By default sample format is set to 16 bits.

To obtain the best audio quality, you need to use 24 bits audio files and configure MAS PRO and Cobranet to 24 bits format.

 *Medialon Audio Server PRO can work with any sample format combination. Ex: 16 bits audio file, MAS PRO set to 24 bits and Cobranet configured at 16 bits.*

- **Sample Frames:** defines the size of the audio buffer.

This parameter is reserved to expert, the default value (1024) covers all typical installations.

 *Any change in Audio Parameters will reboot the Medialon Audio Server PRO.*

Updating Medialon Audio Server

This section helps you upgrade your Medialon Audio Server PRO.

- Download from **Medialon** web site the latest **Medialon Audio Server**.

MEDIALON



Medialon Audio Server PRO Release Info Base Revision List - October 2010

> Medialon Audio Server PRO (Server Version 2.1.4, Client Version 2.1.5) (October 2010) (Download)

Medialon Audio Server PRO (Server Version 2.1.4, Client Version 2.1.5)

What's new in Medialon Audio Server PRO:

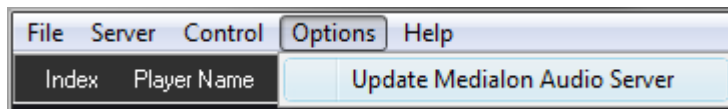
- Unzip "MedialonPackage_Sx.x.x_Cx.x.x.zip" file at the root of a USB disk.



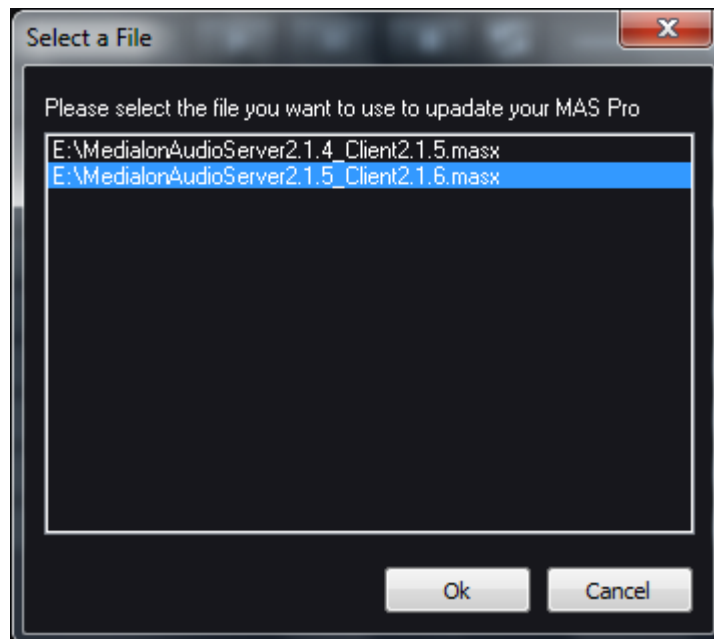
For more information about Medialon Audio Server updates, contact your dealer

Method for MAS PRO Client 2.1.6 / Server 2.1.5 and greater

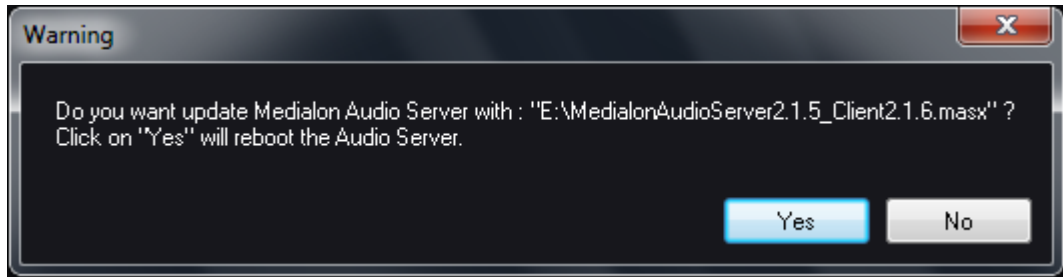
- Select Option/Update Medialon Audio Server menu.



- Select Medialon Audio Server firmware (.masx) you want to install.



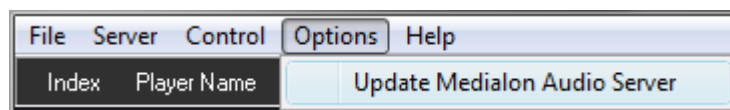
3. Start the update.



4. Medialon Audio Server will close, execute the update and then reboot to complete the update.

Method for MAS PRO Client 2.1.5 / Server 2.1.4 and earlier versions

1. Select Option/Update Medialon Audio Server menu.

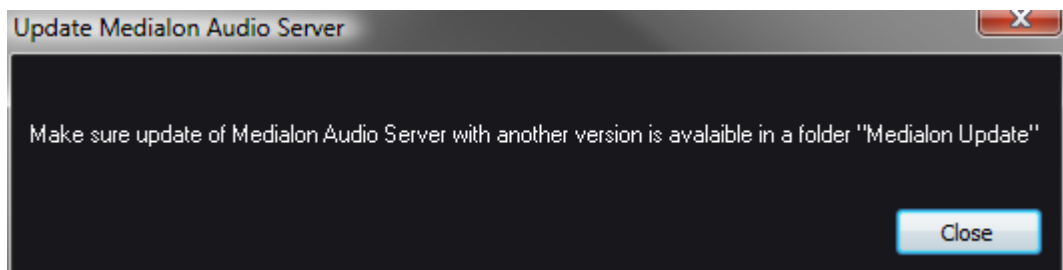


2. Start the update. Medialon Audio Server PRO will looking for a "MedialonAudioServer_____.ZIP" file into a folder named "Medialon Update" at the root of a USB disk.



3. Medialon Audio Server will close, execute the update and then reboot to complete the update.

If any valid update file is not detected, an warning message will be displayed.



REFERENCES

Specifications

Workstation

Hardware Specification

- Storage: SSD hard drives with 128GB of storage

System

- CPU: Intel® Core 2 Duo processor
- System Chipset: Intel Q45 GMCH/ICH10DO
- Memory: X GB Dual Channel DDR2 800 / 667 MHz
- H/W Status Monitor :Monitoring temperatures, voltages, and cooling fan status. Auto throttling control when CPU overheats

Display

- Chipset: Intel® Graphics Media Accelerator 4500 integrated
- Display Memory: Intel DVM 4.0 supports up to 352 MB video memory
- Max Resolution: 2048 x 1536 bpp(@ 75Hz)
- Dual Display: DVI-I + DVI-D
- VGA: through DVI to VGA Adaptor

Ethernet

- LAN1: Intel® 82567-LM PCI-E Gigabit LAN support iAMT 5.0
- LAN2: Intel® 82541PI PCI Gb LAN controller
- Wake up on LAN

Mechanical & Environment

- Rack 19" xU
- Power Type: Power 90-250V autorange
- Operating Temp.: 0~60°C (32~140°F)
- Operating Humidity: 0%~90% relative humidity, non-condensing

CobraNet Output

- Type 100BaseT Ethernet
- Connector RJ-45
- Precision 16, 20 or 24bit PCM
- Sample Rate 48kHz
- Latency 1.33, 2.66 or 5.33ms
- Control Protocol SNMP

Signal Processing

- DSP Texas Instruments TMS320C6713@300MHz
- Memory 8MB
- Audio Formats 16, 24 bit signed PCM

Software Specification

- Medialon Audio Server V2
- Windows Embedded

FTP Server

- FTP address: MAS PRO IP address.
- FTP Port 21.
- Login username: medialon.
- Login password: medialon.
- Root folder: Audio files storage.
- Sub folder "ConfigFiles": Configurations files storage

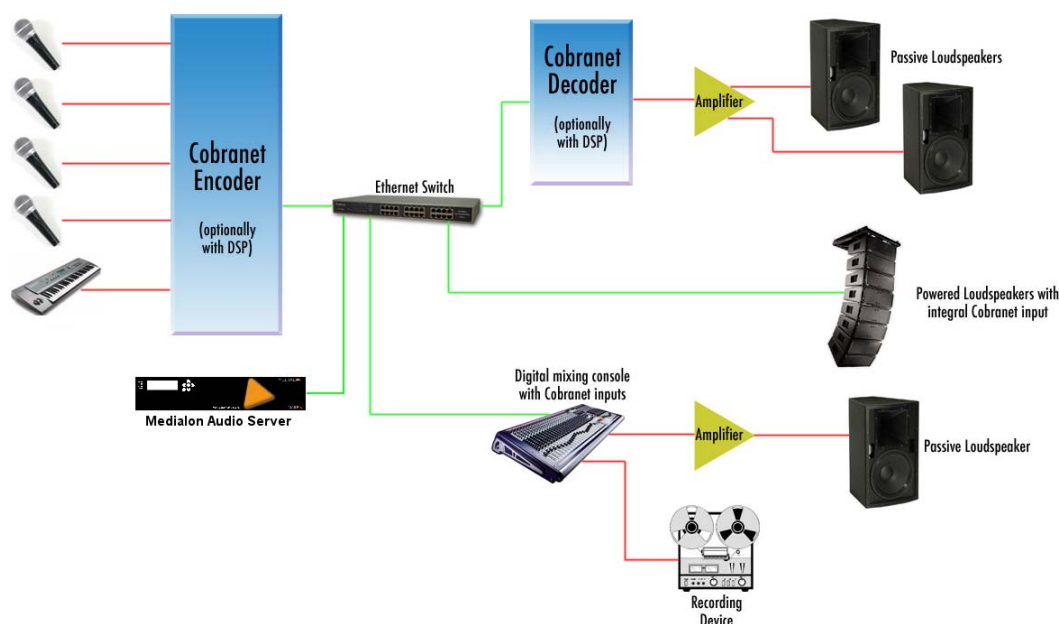
Audio File Format

- Wave : 16 bit or 24 bit /48KHz

CobraNet

CobraNet is a combination of software, hardware and network protocols designed to deliver uncompressed, multi-channel, low-latency digital audio over a standard Ethernet network. Developed in the 1990s, CobraNet is widely regarded as the first commercially successful implementation of audio over Ethernet.

CobraNet was designed for and is primarily used in large-scale audio installations (for example, convention centers, stadiums, airports, theme parks, concert halls). It is most useful in applications where a large number of audio channels must be transmitted over relatively long distances and/or to multiple locations..



Further info about CobraNet on www.cobranet.info

CobraNet Overview

CobraNet Terminology

CobraNet is a technology that combines state of the art audio and communications technologies. While each have their own terminology, the following terms are used to refer to elements specific to CobraNet.

- **Audio Channel:** A CobraNet digital audio channel operates with a sample rate 48 kHz or 96 kHz and a sample size of 16, 20, or 24 bits.
- **Bundle:** A Bundle is the basic CobraNet audio routing element and can carry 0 to 8 audio channels. Bundles are assigned a number which determines both which interface the Bundle is routed to and in what manner. The range within which the Bundle number falls determines whether it is routed as a multicast, unicast, or private type. Bundles are numbered 1 through 65535. CobraNet interfaces are capable of sending and receiving multiple bundles simultaneously
- **Conductor:** The conductor is the CobraNet interface elected to provide master clock and transmission arbitration for the network. The role of the

conductor and the means for selecting a conductor are described elsewhere in this document. All CobraNet devices other than the conductor operate in a performer role.

- Receiver: A logical entity within the CobraNet interface capable of receiving one Bundle.
- Transmitter: A logical entity within the CobraNet interface capable of transmitting one Bundle.

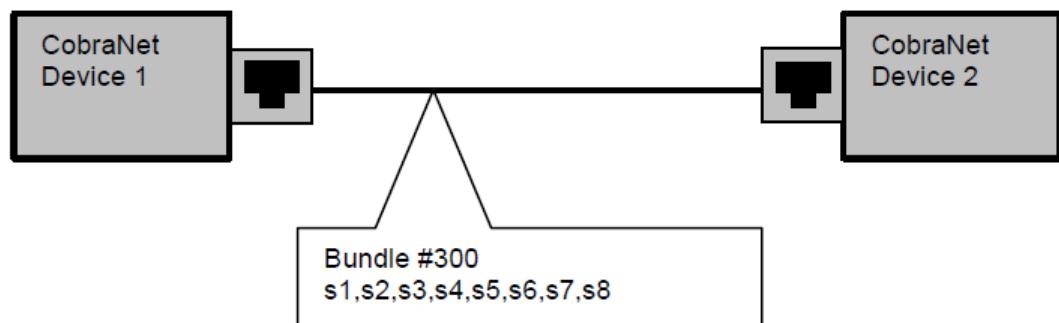
Ethernet

CobraNet is transmitted using standard Ethernet packets. Since CobraNet does not use an IP protocol, its packets cannot travel through routers, and therefore it is limited to use on a LAN; CobraNet cannot be used over the Internet. The network over which CobraNet is transmitted must be able to operate at a minimum of 100 Mbit/s (also known as Fast Ethernet).

While CobraNet has been shown to function properly over wireless networks under ideal conditions, bandwidth and reliability issues associated with typical 802.11 wireless networks tend to cause frequent dropouts and fatal errors.

Channels and bundles

CobraNet data is organized into channels and bundles. A typical CobraNet signal can contain up to 4 bundles of audio travelling in each direction, for a total of 8 bundles per device. Each bundle houses up to 8 channels of 48 kHz, 20-bit audio, for a total capacity of 64 channels. CobraNet is somewhat scalable, in that channel capacity increases when 16-bit audio is used, and channel capacity decreases when 24-bit audio is used.



There are three types of bundles: multicast, unicast, and private:

- Multicast bundles are "broadcast" from one CobraNet device to all other CobraNet devices in the network using Ethernet multicast addressing. Each CobraNet device individually determines if it will use the bundle or discard it. Therefore, multicast bundles are more bandwidth-intensive than other bundle types. Bundle numbers 1–255 are reserved for multicast bundles.
- Unicast bundles are sent from one CobraNet device to any other device or devices configured to receive the bundle number. Unicast bundles are much more efficient because they attempt to travel only to devices which actually want to receive them. Despite their name, unicast bundles may still be sent to multiple devices, either by transmitting multiple copies of the audio data or using multicast addressing. Bundle numbers 256–65279 are reserved for unicast bundles.
- Private bundles may be sent with unicast or multicast addressing. Bundle numbers 65280–65535 are reserved for private bundles. Private bundle

numbers are associated with the MAC address of the device that transmits them. To receive a private bundle, both the bundle number and the MAC address of the transmitter must be specified. Because private bundles are associated with the transmitters there is no hard limit on the number private bundles.

As long as multicast bundles are used sparingly, it is virtually impossible to exceed the bandwidth of a 100 Mbit network with CobraNet data. However, there are limitations to the maximum number of bundles that can be sent on a network, since the conductor must include data in its beat packets for every bundle on the network, and the beat packet is limited to 1500 bytes. If each device is transmitting one bundle, there may be up to 184 transmitters active simultaneously (for a total of 184 bundles). If each device is transmitting a full four bundles, then only 105 transmitters could be active, although they would be producing a total of 421 active bundles. The use of private bundles does not require any additional data in the beat packet, so these network limitations can be sidestepped by using private bundles.

Latency

The buffering of audio data into Ethernet packets typically incurs a delay of 256 samples (or 5 1/3 milliseconds). Additional delays are introduced through A-D and D-A conversion (typically 10–50 samples). Latency can be reduced by sending smaller packets more often. In most cases, the programmer can choose the desired CobraNet latency for a particular CobraNet device (5 1/3, 2 2/3, or 1 1/3 milliseconds).

However, reducing audio latency has consequences:

- Reducing latency requires more processing power.
- Reducing latency places additional demands on network performance, and may not be possible in some network configurations if the forwarding delay is too great.
- Since reducing latency means sending smaller packets more often, more high resolution (i.e. 96 kHz, 24-bit) audio channels can be sent per bundle without exceeding the 1,500-byte payload limit for Ethernet packets.



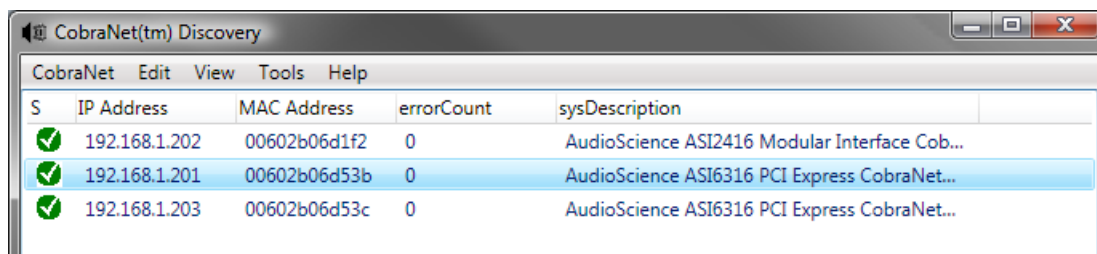
Latency has an influence on audio dropping. If you hear audio drops, the first thing to do is to try to change latency with another value more bigger...

Medialon Audio Server PRO and CobraNet Configuration

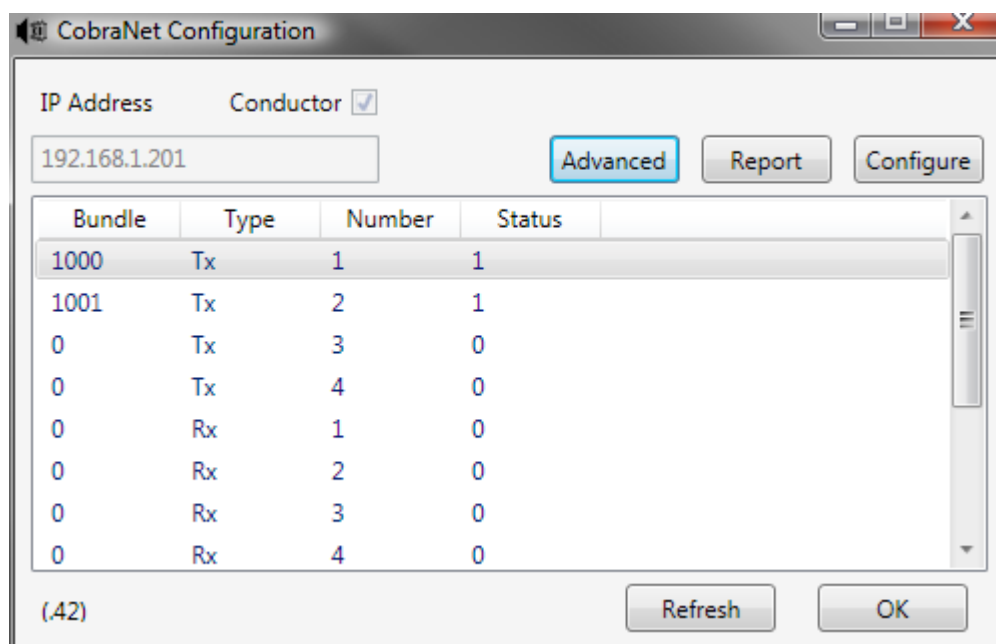
CobraNet configuration can be done by any CobraNet utilities software.

Following operations are made with CobraNet Discovery Utility. You can download it from CobraNet website: www.cobranet.info

Medialon Audio Server PRO is made with 2 CobraNet Port or Device.



Select a CobraNet device ASI6316 to be configured in the main Discovery window. Select Configure from the Tools menu.



Each MAS PRO CobraNet Device provides 2 transmitter bundles corresponding to 8 audio outputs.

MAS PRO CobraNet Port


Click on Advanced to configure the CobraNet adaptor

The 'Advanced Configuration' dialog box is shown with the following settings:

- Persistence:** ☒
- Name:** ASI6316
- Location:** MAS Pro Card2
- Contact:** (empty)
- Conductor Priority:** 33
- Serial Format:** 0x0
- Serial Baud:** 19200
- Serial PPeriod:** 2560
- Serial RxMAC:** 01:60:2B:FD:00:00
- SerialTxMAC:** 01:60:2B:FD:00:00
- modeRate Control:** 48 kHz, 5 1/3 mS (dropdown menu)
- Proc Mode:** N.A.
- TagEnable:** N.A.
- HMI Mode:** Motorola
- FreeCycles:** 74.9%
- NetMask:** N.A.

Buttons at the bottom: Refresh, Apply, OK, Cancel.

- **Persistence:** Set On this option, the adaptor settings are saved and reset after a power loss.
- **Conductor Priority:** Set a higher priority if this card is used with a World Clock source. [See more about "Clock Source Configuration" on page 70.](#)
- **modeRate Control:** Select the latency rate. Latency has an influence on audio dropping. If you hear audio drops, the first thing to do is to try to change latency with another value more bigger... MAS PRO typical value is 48kHz, 5 1/3 mS

 *Remind that Medialon Audio Server PRO only support 48kHz.*

MAS PRO CobraNet Transmitter

For transmitter settings, select a bundle and click on Configure

Ch.	SubMap	SubFormat
1	1	24
2	2	24
3	3	24
4	4	24
5	5	24
6	6	24
7	7	24
8	8	24

SubCount: 8
 UniCastMode: Never Multicast
 MaxUniCast: 1

Bundle: Enter a bundle number.

SubFormat: Select 16 or 24 bit.

Clock Source Configuration

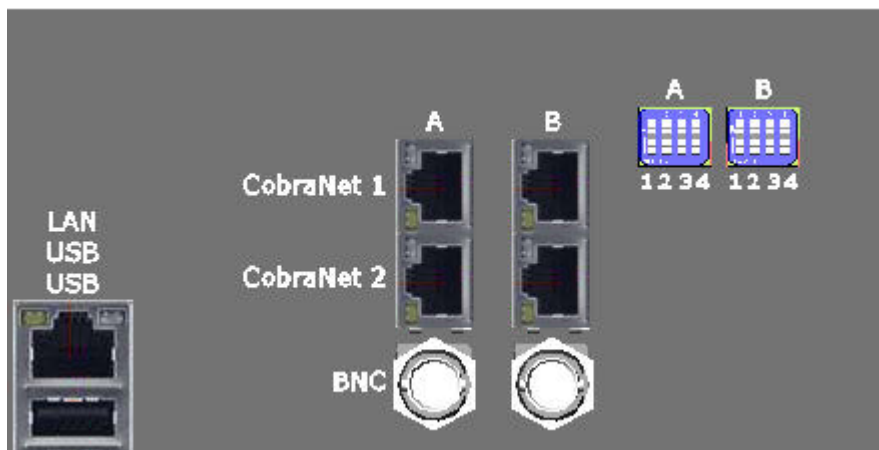
The CobraNet sample clock can be obtained from the following sources:

- The default clock source configuration is "Network", which derives the CobraNet clock from the CobraNet network.
- A word clock input through the BNC A connector. Card A needs to have a higher Conductor priority.

Clock source selection is one of the audio parameters of Medialon Audio Server PRO. See more about "Medialon Audio Server Setup" on page 57.

Medialon Audio Server PRO with DIP switches

With Medialon Audio Server PRO produce before january 2012, Clock configuration is also done with DIP switches on the rear panel of your Medialon Audio Client PRO.



1. BNC 75 term.
2. BNC used as Word Clock output
3. BNC used as Word Clock input
4. Internal Word Clock input

Switch Configuration for MAS PRO Server 2.1.5 and greater

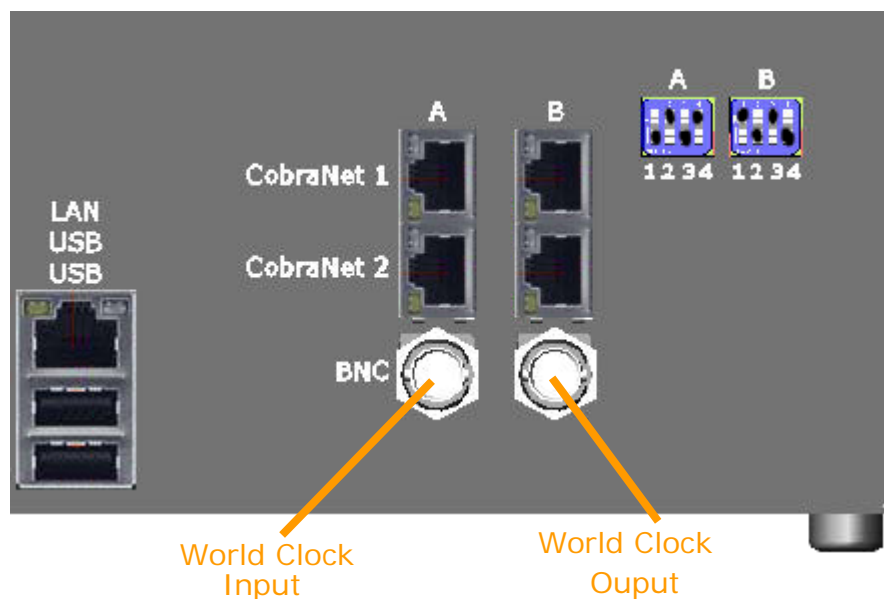
DIP switches configuration is always the same, whatever the Clock source selected.


DIP A

1. ON
2. OFF
3. ON
4. OFF

DIP B

1. OFF
2. ON
3. OFF
4. ON



 Don't forget to check Clock source in the audio parametres settings. See more about "Medialon Audio Server Setup" on page 57.

Switch Configuration for MAS PRO Server 2.1.4 and earlier

DIP switches configuration needs to change according to Medialon Audio Server clock source. *See more about "Medialon Audio Server Setup" on page 57.*

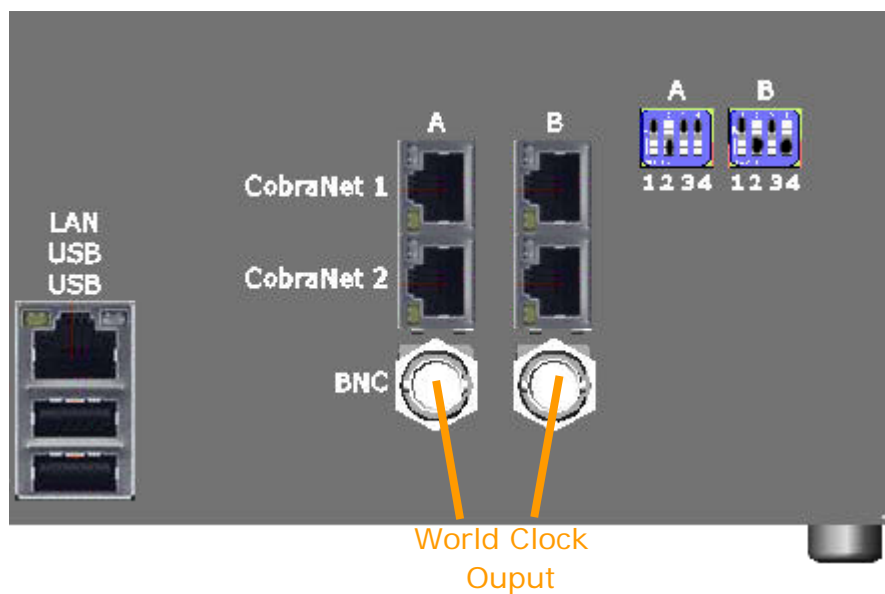
- MAS PRO Clock Source is «Network»

DIP A

1. OFF
2. ON
3. OFF
4. OFF

DIP B

1. OFF
2. ON
3. OFF
4. ON



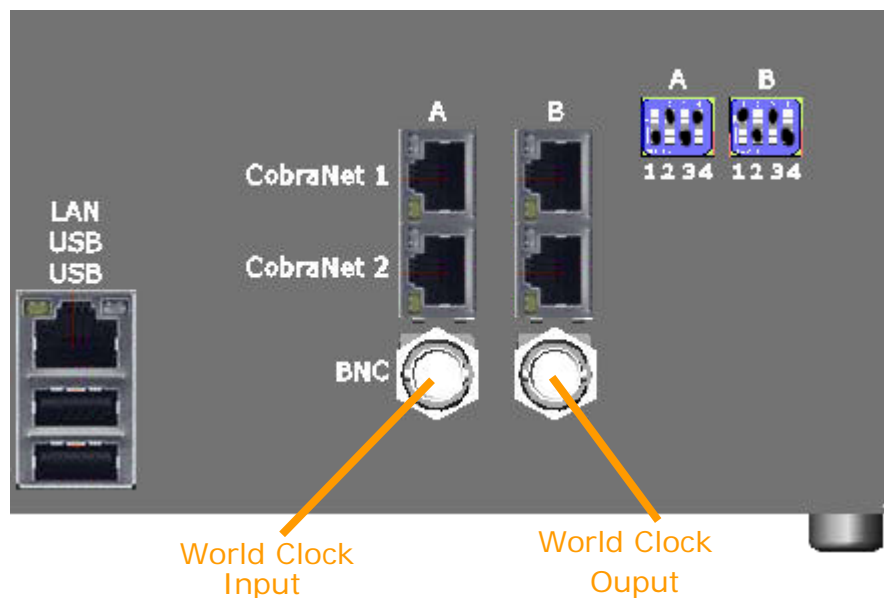
- MAS PRO Clock Source is «World Clock»

DIP A

1. ON
2. OFF
3. ON
4. OFF

DIP B

1. OFF
2. ON
3. OFF
4. ON



RS232 Protocol

Overview

The **Medialon Audio Server** ASCII control protocol is a client/server protocol. Requests are always initiated by the client and the server must reply to the client requests. There's no concept of 'event' messages which would be sent by the server without a request.

The underlying transport protocol is ASCII over a serial link (RS232) although the protocol itself is independent of the physical transport protocol.

RS232 Communication parameters

Parameter	Data
Baud Rate	38400 to 115200 baud
Databits	8
Parity	No
Stopbits	1
Flow Control	None

General message format

Syntax

A **command** is made of:

A verb

Zero, one or more parameters separated by commas and enclosed by brackets.

Example: "PLAY(2)"

A single command message is made of a command followed by a carriage return (0x13) or a line feed (0x0A).



Note: the verb is not case sensitive: that is "OpenMedia" is the same as "OPENMedia".

Space characters (SPACE or TAB) are allowed:

between verb and left brackets

between parameters and separators (brackets and comma).

Example: " LoadMedia (2, testmedia.wav)\n".

However, reply messages returned from the server are guaranteed not to contain any spaces between verb, left brackets, parameters and right brackets.

A message can be made of one or more commands. Commands must be separated by one or more space character(s). The end of the message is delimited by a carriage return (0x13) or a line feed (0x0A).

Example: "PLAY(2) STOP(4)\r"

Messages returned by the server always contain only one reply for each command.

Time values sent by the client are expressed either:

as timecode string in hundredth of seconds format.

Example: "00:01:00/52" means one minute and 52 hundredth .

as time in milliseconds

Example: "60520" means one minute and 52 hundredth .

Each verb has shortcut in order to optimize communication throughput and/or ease typing the command on a terminal. See detail command description.

Example: "PLAY(2)" or "PL(2)" commands are equivalent.

Server Response

When Medialon Audio Server PRO receives a "command only" message. It sends back the command message, If the command is correctly formatted.

Example: Send a play command to the channel #2.

Client sends: PLAY(2)

The server replies: PLAY(2).

When Medialon Audio Server PRO receives a "get information" message, the server sends back the requested information preceded by the same verb as the request message.

Example: In order to get the status of the channel #4

Client sends: GETSTATUS(4)

Server replies: GETSTATUS(4,3,00:05:23/45)

Error management:

If the command syntax is incorrect, the server sends back an error message followed by the incoming command.

Example: send a play command to the channel #212 (which doesn't exist).

Client sends: PLAY(212)

The server sends back: Error(Invalid Channel) PLAY(212)

Note that no error is notified if the command syntax is correct but the required action couldn't be performed depending upon the current state of the server.



The only exception is the OpenMedia() command which returns a "File Not Found" error if the specified media is not in the media directory.

It is allowed to send a command to the server before receiving the reply of the server for the previous command.

Group of Channels

To insure the synchronous execution of a command for a group of channels, several commands like Play, Pause, Stop, support multiple channels.

Example: PLAY(1,4,9,10) can be used to start playing channels 1, 4, 9 and 10 in sync.

Commands

 *Note: command shortcuts are shown within brackets.*

Transport

PLAY

Send a Play to the specified channel(s).

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	PLAY [PL]
ChannelIndex	1 to N

Server replies with the same message.

Example: PLAY(2)

This command also supports multiple channels using the following syntax:

PLAY(<channel#>,<channel#>,...,<channel#>)

Example: PLAY(1,4,9,10) can be used to start playing channels 1, 4, 9 and 10 in sync.

PAUSE

Send a Pause to the specified channel(s).

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	PAUSE [PA]
ChannelIndex	1 to N

Server replies with the same message.

Example: PAUSE(2)

This command also supports multiple channels using the following syntax:

PAUSE(<channel#>,<channel#>,...,<channel#>)

Example: PAUSE(1,4,9,10) can be used to pause channels 1, 4, 9 and 10 in sync.

STOP

Send a Stop to the specified channel(s).

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	STOP [ST]
ChannelIndex	1 to N

Server replies with the same message.

Example: STOP(2)

This command also supports multiple channels using the following syntax:

STOP(<channel#>,<channel#>,...,<channel#>)

Example: STOP(1,4,9,10) can be used to stop channels 1, 4, 9 and 10 in sync.

LOCATE

Locate the specified channel to the specified position.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	LOCATE [LC]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
Position	position to locate to (either in timecode or milliseconds format)

Server replies with the same message.

Example: LOCATE(2,00:03:25/45)

This command also supports multiple channels using the following syntax:

LOCATE(<channel#>,<channel#>,...,<channel#>,Position)

Example: STOP(1,4,9,10,00:01:00/00) can be used to locate channels 1, 4, 9 and 10 at the specified position.

OPENMEDIA

Open and load a media on the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	OPENMEDIA [OP]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
MediaName	Media Name

Server replies with the same message.

Example: OPENMEDIA(4,testfile)

If successful, this command increments the channel OpenFileCounter (See ["GETSTATUS"](#) command).

CLOSEMEDIA

Close the currently loaded media on the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	CLOSEMEDIA [CL]
ChannelIndex	1 to N

Server replies with the same message.

Example: CLOSEMEDIA(4)

SETVOLUME

Set the volume for the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	SETVOLUME [VO]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
Volume	Volume gain in hundredth of dB (from 0dB to -100dB)

Server replies with the same message.

Example: SETVOLUME (4,-1000).

SETBALANCE

Set the balance for the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	SETBALANCE [BA]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
Balance	Balance in hundredth of dB. Positive values for right channel, negative values for left channel.

Server replies with the same message.

Example: SETBALANCE (4,1000).

SETLOOP

Sets the number of times the current media should be looped on the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	SETLOOP [LP]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
PlayCount	Number of times the media must loop after this command has been received. 0 means infinite loop.

Server replies with the same message.

Example: SETLOOP(12,3).

Send SETLOOP(#,1) to stop the loop, where # is the ChannelIndex.

FADE

Performs a volume fade on the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	FADE [FA]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
PlayCount	Final Volume gain in hundredth of dB (from 0dB to -100dB)
FadeTime	fade time (either timecode or millisecond format)
FadeCurve	1 to 3 (selects from fade curves). 1. Standard Logarithmic Audio Curve 2. Crossfade Curve 3. Linear Curve

Server replies with the same message.

Example: FADE(4,-1000,3000,1)

SETMONO

Set the Mono/Stereo configuration of the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	SETMONO [MO]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
MonoMode	1 for mono 0 for stereo

Server replies with the same message.

Example: SETMONO(8,1).

Request Comands

GETSTATUS

Get the short status for the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	GETSTATUS [GS]
ChannelIndex	1 to N

Server replies with the same message.

Field	Value
Command	GETSTATUS [GS]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
Status	Status of the channel as an integer. Possible values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: Idle • 1: Open • 2: Close • 3: Playing • 4: Paused • 5: Stopped • 8: Locating • 9: NotOnline
Position	Position in timecode (hundredth of seconds format)

Example:

Client sends: GETSTATUS(4)

Server replies: GETSTATUS(4,3,00:05:23/45)

GETFULLSTATUS

Get the status for the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	GETFULLSTATUS [GF]
ChannelIndex	1 to N

Server replies with the same message.

Field	Value
Command	GETFULLSTATUS [GF]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
Status	Status of the channel as a string. Possible values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Idle • Open • Close • Playing • Paused • Stopped • Locating • NotOnline
MediaName	Name of the currently loaded media (empty if no media)
Position	Position in timecode (hundredth of seconds format)
Duration	Duration of the currently loaded media in timecode (hundredth of seconds format)
Volume	Level attenuation in hundredth of dB (from 0dB to -100dB)
Balance	Current balance
OpenFileCounter	Open File counter. The value is incremented each time a new file is opened on the specified channel.
PlayCount	Count of programmed loops (0 means infinite loop).

Example:

Client sends: GETFULLSTATUS(4)

Server replies: GETFULLSTATUS(4,playing,testfile.wav,00:05:23/45,00:10:00/00,0,0,55,1)

GETPOSITION

Get the position of the current media for the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	GETPOSITION [GP]
ChannelIndex	1 to N

Server replies with the same message.

Field	Value
Command	GETPOSITION [GP]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
Position	Current position in timecode (hundredth of seconds format)

Example:

Client sends: GETPOSITION (4)

Server replies: GETPOSITION (4,00:05:23/45)

GETDURATION

Get the duration of the current media for the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	GETDURATION [DU]
ChannelIndex	1 to N

Server replies with the same message.

Field	Value
Command	GETDURATION [DU]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
Duration	Duration of current media in timecode (hundredth of seconds format)

Example:

Client sends: GETDURATION(4)

Server replies: GETDURATION(4,00:05:23/45)

GETVOLUME

Get the current volume gain of the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	GETVOLUME [GV]
ChannelIndex	1 to N

Server replies with the same message.

Field	Value
Command	GETVOLUME
ChannelIndex	1 to N
Volume	Level attenuation in hundredth of dB (from 0dB to -100dB)

Example:

Client sends: GETVOLUME(4)

Server replies: GETVOLUME(4,-1000)

GETBALANCE

Get the current balance of the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	GETBALANCE [GB]
ChannelIndex	1 to N

Server replies with the same message.

Field	Value
Command	GETBALANCE [GB]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
Balance	Balance in hundredth of dB. Positive values for right channel, negative values for left channel.

Example:

Client sends: GETBALANCE(4)

Server replies: GETBALANCE(4,1000)

GETCURRENTMEDIA

Get the name of the current media for the specified channel.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	GETCURRENTMEDIA [GM]
ChannelIndex	1 to N

Server replies with the same message.

Field	Value
Command	GETCURRENTMEDIA [GM]
ChannelIndex	1 to N
MediaName	Name of the currently loaded media (empty if no media)

Example:

Client sends: GETCURRENTMEDIA (4)

Server replies: GETCURRENTMEDIA (4,testfile.wav)

GETMEDIADIRECTORY

Get the media directory of the whole audio server.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	GETMEDIADIRECTORY [GD]

Server replies with the same message.

Field	Value
Command	GETMEDIADIRECTORY [GD]
MediaDirectory	Path of the current media directory

Example:

Client sends: GETMEDIADIRECTORY()

Server replies: GETMEDIADIRECTORY(d:\sounds)

GETFILELIST

Get the list of the files located in the media directory of the audio server.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	GETFILELIST [LI]

Server replies with the same message.

Field	Value
Command	GETFILELIST [LI]
FileList	File list with filenames separated by CR/LF pairs (0x13,0x0D)

Example:

Client sends: GETFILELIST()

Server replies: GETFILELIST(testfile.wav\r\nring.wav\r\nhello.wav)



Note: the following characters are not allowed in the filenames:

- ',' comma
- ')' right bracket
- '(' left bracket

GETVERSION

Get the version of Medialon Audio Server software and the version of the ASCII protocol.

Client sends:

Field	Value
Command	GETVERSION [VE]

Server replies with the same message.

Field	Value
Command	GETVERSION [VE]
SoftwareVersion	Current version Audio Server Software
ProtocolVersion	Current version of ASCII protocol

Example:

Client sends: GETVERSION()

Server replies: GETVERSION(1.0.7.0,1.0)

- Software version is "1.0.7.0".
- ASCII Protocol Version is "1.0".

Response Message

Error List

Possible values for error codes:

- **Syntax Error:** input is malformed
- **Unknown Command:** the command verb is not recognized

- **Invalid Channel:** the specified channel index is incorrect
- **Parameter Count:** the count of parameters of the command is incorrect
- **File Not Found:** the specified media name was not found in the media directory
- **Invalid Time:** the time parameter of the command is invalid

Channel Status

The status field of the reply message to the GetStatus command can have one of the following values:

- **Idle:** initial state after power up
- **Open:** a media has been successfully opened and loaded
- **Close:** last OPENMEDIA() command failed
- **Playing:** the media is currently playing
- **Paused:** the media is currently paused
- **Stopped:** the media is currently stopped
- **Locating:** the media is reaching its target position
- **NotOnline:** the channel is not online

Keyboard Shortcuts

File menu		
New Configuration	Ctrl+N	Create a new empty configuration
Open Configuration	Ctrl+O	Open and load an existing configuration file
Save Configuration	Ctrl+S	Save the current configuration to disk
Quit	Ctrl+Q	Quit the application

Server menu		
Connect	Ctrl+Alt+K	Launch Medialon Audio Server Browser
Disconnect	Shift+Ctrl+K	Close current Medialon Audio Server connection
Edit Configuration	Ctrl+E	Launch audio configuration editor

Help menu		
Medialon Audio Client PRO Help	F1	Launch Medialon Audio Server User Manual

Configuration Editor		
New Player	Ctrl+P	Create a new Player
New Track	Ctrl+T	Add a new track to the selected Player
Output Mapping	Ctrl+M	Open the Output Mapping for the selected Track

Action on click

The use of the right click is widely implemented in Medialon Audio Client PRO and can greatly accelerate your programming speed.

Player Index click

Opens up the Player details window.

Player Media Name click

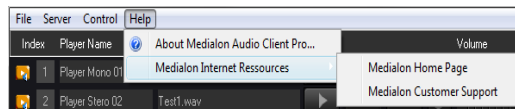
Opens up the Media Library window.

Ctrl + Volume click

Set all volume sliders to the same level.

- In the main window, it concerns all Players volumes.
- All tracks levels change in a Player Detail.
- All output volumes are set in Output Control window


Help



About Dialog

Clicking on the "Help/About..." menu item displays the "About..." dialog box.



 Note that the program version is shown at the bottom left of the box.

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